# Policy Principles & Priorities

## About eHI

Since 2001, eHealth Initiative (eHI) has been conducting research, education, and advocacy activities to promote data sharing and innovation to improve patient outcomes and the overall health care system. Our members represent a wide range of health care stakeholders and are committed to fully leveraging technology and data to support a modern health care system.

A modern value-based, technology-enabled health care system creates better health care outcomes for everyone

## Virtual care & remote patient monitoring

- Permanently remove Medicare telehealth reimbursement restrictions
- Promote cross-state provider license portability
- Remove barriers to the on-going utilization of remote patient monitoring devices

Digital health tools can be powerful tools to identify and address health disparities and promote health literacy

## Broadband
- Support & expand FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program
- Support high-speed broadband infrastructure funding

## Digital health literacy
- Establish funding for digital health literacy programs through FQHCs/RHCs/CHCs

## Data collection & exchange
- Support the development and adoption of health IT standards around the collection and exchange of social determinants of health data

Patient health information should be easily and securely accessed, exchanged, and shared electronically

## Interoperability
- Support implementation and enforcement of information blocking and interoperability rules, as well as continued education for those subject to regulations
- Support secure, standards-based approaches to interoperability and information sharing

## Patients should be confident that their data is secure and protected – regardless of who controls the data

### Federal privacy legislation
- Support comprehensive federal data privacy legislation that meaningfully addresses gaps in legal protections for health data outside HIPAA's coverage
- Advocate that bills related to collection and use of Covid-tracking data emphasize patient education and privacy

### Implementation of existing regulations
- Ensure CMS/ONC interoperability rules are implemented in a way that takes burden off of both providers and patients
- Ensure the HIPAA proposed rule is finalized in such a way that increased information sharing doesn't also result in increased risk of privacy violations

## Public health systems should be modernized and adequately funded

### Public health modernization
- Monies appropriated for public health system modernization should be used to support ensuring public health systems are interoperable with clinical data sets, allow for the electronic exchange of health information, and improve public health surveillance systems

### Public health funding
- Restore and protect funding for the Public Health & Prevention Fund

## Our Members

- Accenture
- Allscripts
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American College of Cardiology
- American College of Physicians
- American College of Radiology
- American Heart Association
- American Hospital Association
- Amwell
- Apervita
- athenahealth
- Availity
- Best Buy Health
- BlueCross BlueShield Association
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- CAQH
- Change Healthcare
- Colorado RHIO (CORHIO)
- CommonWell Health Alliance
- Conversa Health
- CRISP
- CVS Health
- CyncHealth
- EHNAC
- Elsevier
- Epstein Becker Green
- Fitbit Health Solutions
- Gundersen Health System
- HDMS
- Health Catalyst
- Health Current
- Healthix
- HL7
- Hogan Lovells
- Humana
- Inovalon
- InterSystems Corporation
- Johnson & Johnson
- LexisNexis Healthcare
- LifeWIRE Corp
- Lyniate
- Manatt Health
- Maverick Health Policy
- Mayo Clinic
- Marshfield Clinic Health System
- MedAllies
- National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalition
- New York eHealth Collaborative
- NextGen Healthcare
- Northwell
- OhioHealth
- Orion
- Point-of-Care Partners
- Providence St. Joseph Health
- Salesforce
- SHIEC
- Sonora Quest Laboratories/ Lab Sciences of AZ
- SORSEE LLC
- Strategic Interests, LLC
- Surescripts
- Tapestry Health The Commons Project Foundation
- The University of Chicago Medicine
- UnitedHealthcare
- Updox
- Validic
- Verato
- Welldoc
- Wellmark
- Zipnosis