Health Information Technology- the View from North and South of the Red River
HFMA Red River Showdown

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What is the Texas e-Health Alliance?
• State’s leading advocate, from local communities to the national level, for the use of health information technology to improve the health system for patients
• 501(c)6 non-profit started in 2009
• Serves as a trade association for HIT companies
This presentation will:

- Educate the audience on the provisions of the HITECH Act
- Compare and contrast the policy approaches to HIT in Texas and Oklahoma
- Understand the impact of different policy choices on patients and providers.
State Level Activities

- Electronic Health Record and Health Information Exchange Initiatives
  - HHSC administered EHR Incentive Program and local HIE grant program (over $1 billion)
  - Texas Health Services Authority and local HIEs moving into implementation

- Telemedicine, Telehealth and Home Monitoring
  - TMB adopted 2 models of telemedicine in Fall 2010
  - SB 293 (2011) expanded telemedicine and telehealth in FFS Medicaid and set up a remote monitoring benefit
  - SB 7 (2013) encouraged the use of telemedicine in nursing homes by managed care plans

Texas Legislature

- Before 2005 – 0 health IT bills filed
- 2005 – 1 health IT bill filed
- 2007 – 6 health IT bills filed
- 2009 – 30 health IT bills filed
- 2011 – 3 health IT bills filed
  - Electronic prescribing
  - Privacy
  - Telehealth/remote monitoring
- 2013 – 1 health IT specific bill filed
  - Driver’s license mag swipes
    - THSA funding
    - DPS drug database access
    - Telemedicine in nursing homes
Topics for 2015

• Interoperability and use of standards in state agency IT systems
• Access to public health registries for HIEs
• Medicaid/CHIP HIE
• Provider/HIE “safe harbors”
• Remote monitoring
• Consumer telemedicine

Sunset Process

• THSA, HHSC, DADS, DARS, DSHS, DFPS, and the Texas Health Care Information Council are all under review
  — Self-evaluation reports are available for all agencies
  — Sunset staff reports and commission decisions are available for DADS, DFPS, DARS, and DSHS
  — THSA, THCIC, HHSC and HHS enterprise reports will be out in October/November
What Does It Mean?

• Intense pressure on the state and on providers to show ROI for HIE
• Federated approach means localized data, but many providers will still juggle multiple interfaces
• Consumer demand for curation and aggregation will rise- no one wants 10 separate patient portals