

Telemedicine Task Force Technology Solutions and Standards Advisory Group September 11, 2013 Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The updated *Guiding Principles* for the Technology Solutions and Standards Advisory Group (TSS advisory group) were reviewed; feedback from the members had been incorporated
- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) presented a concept for a registry of providers in Maryland practicing telemedicine that could be made available through the State-designated health information exchange (HIE), the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), portal. The registry would:
 - Enable providers to identify other providers for referrals and consultations via telemedicine; and
 - Contain information on providers who participate in telemedicine, specialty, availability, and technology
- The TSS advisory group identified several considerations with regards to such a registry:
 - CRISP described the provider directory solution it is implementing to support the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange, and how it may be used to support other services such as telemedicine if there is sufficient demand from the market
 - The TSS advisory group considered whether the directory would simply present information on providers' telemedicine capabilities or if it would serve as a bridge or broker of actual telemedicine encounters; most members preferred a phased approach
 - Members encouraged the TSS advisory group to consider minimum standards for privacy and security for providers who would be listed in the registry
 - Members questioned whether the registry information could also be made available to consumers; some expressed that the value of the solution may be lessened if it were limited to providers utilizing CRISP
 - The importance of a flexible approach was emphasized such that future uses could evolve
- Members identified a preliminary list of data elements to be included in the registry and policies that need to be developed
- *The MHCC intends to explore the registry further by developing functional architecture diagrams and wireframes; these will be presented at the next TSS advisory group meeting; the TSS advisory group will continue to value-added aspects for the registry, including how to best utilize the information that the HIE system can provide.*
- *The TSS advisory group is scheduled to meet on October 10th from 10:00am – 12:00pm at MHCC and will further discuss the functionality of the proposed telemedicine tab in the portal*