



Health Information Exchange/  
Regional Extension Centers  
and the California Safety Net Coalition

# Overview

- What is the California Safety Net Coalition (CSNC)?
- Who are the members of CSNC?
- What are the objectives of CSNC?
- What are the Health Information Exchange (HIE) principles that CSNC supports?

# What is CSNC?

- The California Safety Net Coalition (CSNC) provides a unified voice for the safety net provider community on decisions and activities regarding the California State Health Information Technology (HIT) Strategic Plan and the activities stemming from the Plan, including those outlined by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

# Who are the members of CSNC?

CA Academy of Physician Assistants

CA Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives

CA Association of Physician Groups

CA Association of Public Hospitals

CA Association of Rural Health Clinics

CA Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies

CA Chapter /American College of Physicians Services

CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies

CA Family Health Council

CA Hospital Association

## Who are the members of CSNC? (continued)

CA Institute for Mental Health

CA Medical Association

CA Mental Health Directors Association

CA Primary Care Association

CA Rural Indian Health Board

CA School Health Centers Association

CA State Rural Health Association

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA

Private Essential Access Community Hospitals Inc  
(PEACH)

# What are the objectives of CSNC?

- Advocate for the safety net providers in California on issues of HIT.
- Provide clear position statements regarding the needs of safety net providers to meet meaningful use criteria.
  - Create safety net principles for health information exchange (HIE) in California
  - Comment on the State Regional Extension Center (REC) Strategic Plan
  - Comment on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Meaningful Use definition, set for release December 2009

## What are the objectives of CSNC? (continued)

- Disseminate appropriate HIT-related information to the safety net provider community.
- Support a safety-net governed REC in California.

## What are the CSNC HIE principles?

- Improved patient care must be the ultimate goal of HIE in California.
- HIE must strengthen, support, and be inclusive of the safety net.
- The scope of health information exchanged must go beyond primary and emergency room related care, and additionally include specialty medicine, services for mental health and substance abuse, oral health, and school-based care.



## What are the CSNC HIE principles? (continued)

- A successful HIE should begin at the local level and build upon the existing networks and relationships among care providers.
- A successful HIO, whether local or statewide, must acknowledge and accommodate the variation in the continuum of HIT readiness among California's safety net providers.

## What are the CSNC HIE principles? (continued)

- The business model utilized by a local and statewide HIE must be cost effective for safety net providers.
- The data exchanged in the local or statewide HIE must account for all types of Californians, both insured and uninsured.
- The governance for local HIOs and the statewide HIE infrastructure must have legislative and regulatory oversight to ensure equity and accountability among all players.

## What are the CSNC HIE principles? (continued)

- Safety net provider representatives must be included in the governance structure at each of the local HIOs, as well as at the statewide HIE.
- Statewide HIE infrastructure is necessary to improve population health.
- The business model for the chosen statewide HIO must be sustainable independent of federal stimulus funding.
- Privacy and security measures must be built into any local or statewide HIO.