

Texas Health and Human Services Commission e-Health Advisory Committee

Background:

The Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Electronic Health Advisory Committee's purpose is to advise the Executive Commissioner and Health and Human Services system agencies (HHS agencies) on strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related to the use of health information technology, health information exchange systems, telemedicine, telehealth, and home telemonitoring services.

The Committee last met on March 5th, 2021. At this meeting the Committee received:

- Committee status, membership, and rules amendment updates, along with a call for subcommittee chairs.
- Subcommittee reports, which focused on a pause in subcommittee work awaiting new goals and tasks after the legislative session.
- A teleservice update which discussed the flexibilities allowed during COVID-19.
- A presentation on the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program transition plan which included survey results from rural hospitals and clinics on the use of telehealth during COVID-19.
- An update on the use of the Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) during disasters.
- A presentation on the integration and data exchange capabilities within Texas Health and Human Services.

The next eHealth Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 21st, 2021. It is anticipated that this meeting in June will discuss the bills that passed during the legislative session and the future work of the Committee.

Recommendation:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.