

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 December 7th, 2020. At this meeting the Committee received:

- Subcommittee reports in preparation for the Committee annual report to the Commissioner with recommendations, including telehealth survey results during COVID-19. Additional discussion on the use of topic experts in subcommittee meetings occurred.
- 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.
- Information related to the requirements for the Texas Immunization Registry and how to complete the requirements during a patient interaction.
- Briefing on the future of the electronic health record and syndromic surveillance for public health data trending.
- An update on the use of the Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) during disasters.

The next eHealth Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 5th, 2021

Recommendation:

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