

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 June 21st, 2021. At this meeting the Committee received:

- Committee status, membership, and rules amendment updates.
- Subcommittee reports, which focused on a pause in subcommittee work awaiting new goals and tasks after the legislative session.
- A summary of the telehealth bills passed in the 87th Legislative Session.
- An update on telemedicine legislation and COVID-19 flexibilities. Including:
 - A pediatric tele-connectivity resource program for rural Texas.
 - The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program transition plan and information on the survey results from rural hospitals and clinics on the use of telehealth during COVID-19.
 - 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 and the Department of State Health Services.

The next eHealth Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2021. Additional work of the committee post session will be discussed then..

Recommendation:

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