

217.41A Electronic health records system task force.

1. The department of human services shall establish an electronic health records system task force to provide a structure that enables the state to act in a leadership role in the development of state and federal standards for and in the implementation and use of an electronic health records system.

2. The task force shall consist of no more than nine voting members, selected by the director of human services, who represent entities with expertise in developing or implementing electronic health records, including but not limited to the United States veterans administration facilities in the state, multifacility hospital systems in the state, Des Moines university, the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics, and the Iowa healthcare collaborative. In addition, two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the senate, two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives, and the commissioner of insurance shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the task force.

3. The task force shall do all of the following:

a. Develop an electronic health records system that provides linkages between multiple settings that utilize health records and that is consistent with requirements for community health records and electronic prescribing.

b. Evaluate the economic model and the anticipated benefits of electronic health records.

c. Provide quarterly updates to the governor and the general assembly regarding progress in the development of national standards and the work of the task force.

2006 Acts, ch 1159, §5