

135.155A Findings and intent — Iowa health information network.

1. The general assembly finds all of the following:

a. Technology used to support health care-related functions is known as health information technology. Health information technology provides a mechanism to transform the delivery of health and medical care in Iowa and across the nation.

b. A health information network involves the secure electronic sharing of health information across the boundaries of individual practice and institutional health settings and with consumers. Broad use of health information technology and a health information network should improve health care quality and the overall health of the population, increase efficiencies in administrative health care, reduce unnecessary health care costs, and help prevent medical errors.

2. It is the intent of the general assembly that Iowa establish a statewide health information technology network. The Iowa health information network shall not constitute a health benefit network or a health insurance network. Nothing in this division shall be interpreted to impede or preclude the formation and operation of regional, population-specific, or local health information networks or their participation in the Iowa health information network.

2012 Acts, ch 1080, §4, 17

Referred to in §135.156

[T] NEW section