

135D.4 Iowa health information network — principles — technical infrastructure requirements.

1. The Iowa health information network shall be administered and governed by a designated entity using, at a minimum, the following principles:

- a. Be patient-centered and market-driven.
- b. Comply with established national standards.
- c. Protect the privacy of consumers and the security and confidentiality of all health information.
- d. Promote interoperability.
- e. Increase the accuracy, completeness, and uniformity of data.
- f. Preserve the choice of the patient to have the patient's health information available through the record locator service.
- g. Provide education to the general public and provider communities on the value and benefits of health information technology.

2. Widespread adoption of health information technology is critical to a successful Iowa health information network and is best achieved when all of the following occur:

- a. The network, through the designated entity complying with chapters 490, 496C, and 504 and reporting as required under [this chapter](#), operates in an entrepreneurial and businesslike manner in which it is accountable to all participants utilizing the network's products and services.
- b. The network provides a variety of services from which to choose in order to best fit the needs of the user.
- c. The network is financed by all who benefit from the improved quality, efficiency, savings, and other benefits that result from use of health information technology.
- d. The network is operated with integrity and freedom from political influence.

3. The Iowa health information network technical infrastructure shall provide a mechanism for all of the following:

- a. The facilitation and support of the secure electronic exchange of health information between participants.
- b. Participants without an electronic health records system to access health information from the Iowa health information network.

4. Nothing in [this chapter](#) shall be interpreted to impede or preclude the formation and operation of regional, population-specific, or local health information networks or the participation of such networks in the Iowa health information network.

[2015 Acts, ch 73, §4, 9](#); [2025 Acts, ch 120, §76](#)

Subsection 2, paragraph a amended