

**House File 2544 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 723)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to participation in the Iowa health information
- 2 network by all hospitals in the state.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1       Section 1. Section 135D.4, Code 2022, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3       **135D.4 Iowa health information network — principles —**  
4 **technical infrastructure requirements — required participants.**

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

8       a. Be patient-centered and market-driven.

9       b. Comply with established national standards.

10      c. Protect the privacy of consumers and the security and  
11 confidentiality of all health information.

12      d. Promote interoperability.

13      e. Increase the accuracy, completeness, and uniformity of  
14 data.

15      f. Preserve the choice of the patient to have the patient's  
16 health information available through the record locator  
17 service.

18      g. Provide education to the general public and provider  
19 communities on the value and benefits of health information  
20 technology.

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

24      a. The network, through the designated entity complying  
25 with **chapter 504** and reporting as required under **this chapter**,  
26 operates in an entrepreneurial and businesslike manner in which  
27 it is accountable to all participants utilizing the network's  
28 products and services.

29      b. The network provides a variety of services from which to  
30 choose in order to best fit the needs of the user.

31      c. The network is financed by all who benefit from the  
32 improved quality, efficiency, savings, and other benefits that  
33 result from use of health information technology.

34      d. The network is operated with integrity and freedom from  
35 political influence.

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

4       a. The facilitation and support of the secure electronic  
5 exchange of health information between participants.

6       b. Participants without an electronic health records system  
7 to access health information from the Iowa health information  
8 network.

9       4. Nothing in **this chapter** shall be interpreted to  
10 impede or preclude the formation and operation of regional,  
11 population-specific, or local health information networks  
12 or the participation of such networks in the Iowa health  
13 information network.

14       5. All hospitals and payors in the state shall contract with  
15 the designated entity and shall comply with all requirements as  
16 participants under this chapter. The cost of and consideration  
17 for any such contract or future amendment to such contract  
18 shall be mutually agreed upon, in writing, by all parties to  
19 the contract. Automatic pricing term changes shall not be  
20 included in any such contract.

## **EXPLANATION**

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill requires all hospitals and payors in the state to  
25 contract with the designated entity (the nonprofit corporation  
26 designated by the department of public health to be responsible  
27 for administering and governing the Iowa health information  
28 network) and to comply with all requirements as participants  
29 under Code chapter 135D (Iowa health information network).  
30 The bill also provides that the cost of and consideration for  
31 any such contract or future amendment to such contract shall  
32 be mutually agreed upon, in writing, by all parties and that  
33 automatic pricing term changes shall not be included in any  
34 such contract.