

135D.3 Iowa health information network — findings and intent.

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. Health information technology is rapidly evolving to contribute to the goals of improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs of health care.

c. 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. The 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.

d. All health information technology efforts shall endeavor to represent the interests and meet the needs of consumers and the health care sector, protect the privacy of individuals and the confidentiality of individuals' information, promote best practices, and make information easily accessible to the members of the patient-centered care coordination team, including but not limited to patients, providers, and payors.

2. It is the intent of the general assembly that the Iowa health information network shall not constitute a health benefit network or a health insurance network.

[2015 Acts, ch 73, §3, 9](#)

Section is effective March 31, 2017; Code editor received notice from the Iowa department of public health that assumption of administration and governance of the Iowa health information network by the designated entity occurred on that date; [2015 Acts, ch 73, §9](#)