

**[20 Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 3860/1 through 3860/10.]**

§§ 3860/1 through 3860/10: Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act

**§ 1. Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act.

**§ 5. Purpose.**

Health information technology improves the quality of patient care, increases the efficiency of health care practices, improves safety, and reduces healthcare errors. The State of Illinois has an interest in encouraging the adoption of a health information system to improve the safety, quality, and value of health care, to protect and keep health information secure, and to use the health information exchange system to advance and meet population health goals. To ensure that the benefits of health information technology are available to the consumers of Illinois and to encourage greater patient participation in health care decisions, the State must provide a framework for the exchange of health information and encourage the widespread adoption of electronic health systems and the use of electronic health records among health care providers and patients. The creation of a State-level health information exchange system will allow, among other benefits, the widespread utilization of electronic health records by health care providers and patients in order to ensure that Illinois' health care providers can achieve the meaningful use of electronic records, as defined by federal law, and participate fully in the health information technology incentives available from the federal government under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

**§ 10. Creation of the Health Information Exchange Authority.**

There is hereby created the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority ("Authority"), which is hereby constituted as an instrumentality and an administrative agency of the State of Illinois.

As part of its program to promote, develop, and sustain health information exchange at the State level, the Authority shall do the following:

(1) Establish the Illinois Health Information Exchange ("ILHIE"), to promote and facilitate the sharing of health information among health care providers within Illinois and in other states. ILHIE shall be an entity operated by the Authority to serve as a State-level electronic medical records exchange providing for the transfer of health information, medical records, and other health data in a secure environment for the benefit of patient care, patient safety, reduction of duplicate medical tests, reduction of administrative costs, and any other benefits deemed appropriate by the Authority.

(2) Foster the widespread adoption of electronic health records and participation in the ILHIE.