



State Innovation Model (SIM)

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Privacy, Security and Consent Management for Electronic Health Information Exchange Grant Program awards \$200,000 to Gray Plant Mooty.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) awarded a \$200,000 grant to Gray Plant Mooty for work on Part A of the [Privacy, Security and Consent Management for Electronic Health Information Exchange Grant Program](#). They will focus on review of e-health legal issues, analysis and identification of leading practices for privacy, security and consent management for health information exchange (HIE). The intent of this grant program is to support health care professionals, hospitals and health settings in using e-health to improve health, increase patient satisfaction, reduce health care costs and improve access to the information necessary for individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions. This funding will further support readiness to advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model and Accountable Communities for Health.

The grant program's goals include:

- Ensuring health care professionals from hospitals, behavioral health, long-term and post-acute care, local public health and social services have access to the knowledge and tools required to use, disclose and share health information in a safe and secure manner.
- Ensuring that health care professionals across the care continuum have access to education and technical assistance on privacy, security and consent management practices that are based on both the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Minnesota statutes.
- Identifying opportunities for
 - improvement in current patient consent processes for the release of protected health information required for health information exchange
 - access to education and technical assistance for health care professionals, hospitals and health settings on how to implement leading practices to enable safe and secure electronic health information exchange across multiple and diverse health care settings for the purpose of care coordination activities

This includes, but is not limited to, consistent and uniform policies and procedures.

Minnesota's \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) testing grant made these awards possible. The MDH and the Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly received this federal grant in 2013 and are using the funds to help implement the Minnesota Accountable Health Model. The model helps providers and communities work together to reduce costs and create healthier futures for Minnesotans. It supports community and provider partnerships, team care, care coordination, Accountable Care Organizations, payment reform and health information technology investments.

The Minnesota Accountable Health Model will further test and evaluate whether investments in e-health, data analytics used for population health and HIE can accelerate the movement of health care providers and organizations to shared cost, shared savings or Total Cost of Care (TCOC) arrangements.

In addition, these investments build upon and align with the vision of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative to accelerate the adoption and use of health information technology (HIT) in order to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health. Built on the 2015 Interoperable Electronic Health Record (EHR) mandate, these e-health investments can move all providers to adopt and use e-health to support participation in the Minnesota Accountable Health Model.

For more information about the grant program and the State Innovation Model testing grant please visit the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model-SIM Minnesota website](#). For more information about e-Health please visit the [Minnesota e-Health website](#).

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