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Arizona's Health IT Roadmap is now available

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Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHeC) has announced the completion and availability of a statewide health IT strategic plan, *Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0*, in collaboration with the Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology office (ASET) of the State of Arizona. *Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0 (Roadmap 2.0)* provides a direction and vision for Arizona health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) advancements for the next three years and beyond. An update to Arizona's first statewide health IT roadmap (called Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap) published in 2006, *Roadmap 2.0* is focused on achieving the Triple Aim of better care, better outcomes and lower costs through collaborative health IT advancement.

The *Roadmap 2.0* process was led by Melissa Kotrys, CEO of AzHeC and Lorie Mayer, State HIT Coordinator for the State of Arizona. "We would like to personally thank all of the 300+ stakeholders who participated in envisioning workshops, surveys and public meetings to gather key information and insights," Kotrys said. "We'd also like to thank Laura Kolkman and her team at Mosaica Partners who directed the Roadmap process and the Roadmap Executive Council that provided guidance and support throughout the project," Kotrys added.

"While the publication of *Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0* marks the end of a yearlong process, more importantly, it signifies the beginning of Arizona's future HIT and HIE success," said Mayer. "We look forward to working collaboratively with all health care stakeholders as we continue our quest for better health care through robust health information technology and exchange."

The roadmap describes 19 specific, actionable initiatives grouped into five categories or domains. Overall, through these initiatives, *Roadmap 2.0* identifies three essential strategies that will guide the continued adoption and advancement of HIT/HIE in Arizona:

- Continue to support physicians and other providers in their adoption and use of technology
- Accelerate and expand the secure sharing of health information among health care providers
- Continue to coordinate and convene health care stakeholders to develop strategies that meet evolving HIT/HIE business needs

Involvement and Participation

Here is how stakeholders can be involved and be a part of *Roadmap 2.0* development and success:

- Read and gain a thorough understanding of Roadmap 2.0 which is now available at http://www.azhec.org/?page=HealthIT_Roadmap.
- Subscribe to Arizona Health-e Connection's free monthly e-newsletter, *AzHeC Update*, at www.azhec.org. The update will have regular information on the progress of the roadmap.
- Let AzHeC know if you have a particular interest in a specific initiative or area of *Roadmap 2.0* activity. Contact us at info@azhec.org.

Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHeC)

Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHeC) is a public-private partnership that improves health and wellness by advancing the secure and private sharing of electronic health information. Incorporated in 2007, AzHeC drives the adoption and optimization of HIT and HIE. The primary roles it performs include: serving as an educator and clearinghouse for HIT information; researching, developing and advocating statewide HIT policies; and leading and supporting provider adoption of HIT and HIE across Arizona. AzHeC's largest program, the Arizona Regional Extension Center (REC), has assisted over 2,800 Arizona providers in adopting electronic health records and achieving Meaningful Use since its creation in 2010.