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Viable Solutions: Six Steps to Transform Healthcare Now

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Accelerated Health Information Interoperability

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Surescripts



The Need for Progress

- Accessible, reliable health data will improve care quality, population health, healthcare cost-efficiency
- Billions of dollars being invested in new payment, delivery systems
 - Nationwide information sharing critical to optimizing systems, achieving high-value care
- As of 2013, less than 2/3 of hospitals could exchange data outside their organizations

Barriers to Advancement

- Workgroup identified challenges to full system interoperability, including:
 - Conflicting and competing standards
 - Lack of consensus on clinical workflow and payment reform best practices
 - Complex provider collaborations in new delivery, payment models

Barriers to Advancement

- Inconsistent and contradictory federal and state privacy laws lead to confusion and counterproductive restrictions on data flow
- Misinterpretation of HIPAA is commonplace
- Need to disseminate best practices in patient identification and matching

The NDHI Recommendations

- Establish a hard deadline – December 31, 2018 – for nationwide interoperable health information exchange
- Private sector must lead progress with a more limited role for government
- Support an open IT platform

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- Information blocking must be prohibited
- Harmonize federal and state privacy laws
- Enable the matching of records to the right patients with minimal time and effort