

# HEAL NY – Phase V Health IT Grant Program

## *Advancing Interoperability and Community-wide EHR Adoption*

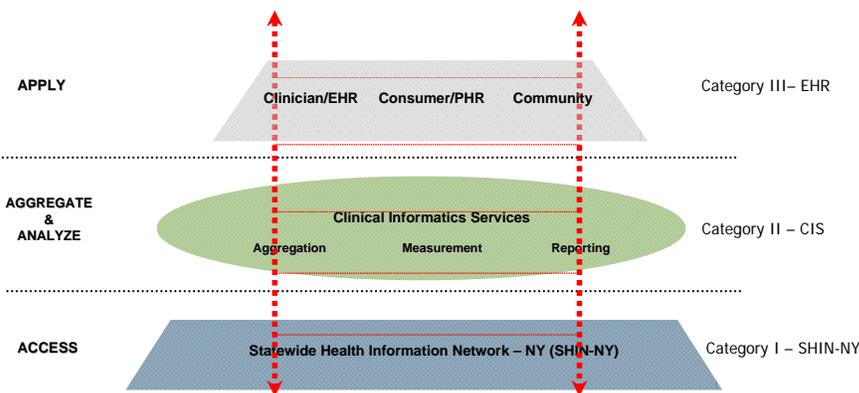
### Overview

- The strategic focus of HEAL NY Phase 5 Health IT grant program is to advance New York’s health information infrastructure – organizational, clinical and technical – to support improvements in health care quality, affordability and outcomes for all New Yorkers.
- Technical infrastructure components include:
  - A Statewide Health Information Network for New York to advance interoperability
  - Community-wide adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) to inform clinical practice
  - New for quality and population health reporting to support prevention and quality based reimbursement models.

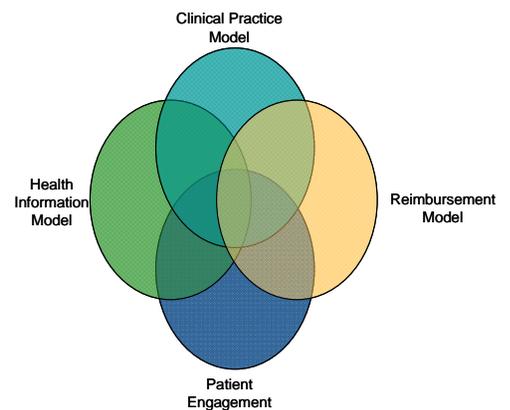
### Key Principles

- Health IT by itself will not result in value; must be aligned and coordinated with clinical practice redesign and support services for clinicians, new models of prevention and quality-based reimbursement and patient engagement strategies
- Clinical, quality and public health priorities must drive health IT adoption and common actions among public and private health care sectors
- Major health IT building blocks – organizational, clinical/quality, technical – must co-evolve and advance together in order to realize value
- With respect to the technology, “**Cross-Sectional Interoperability**” is necessary to support policy alignment, value realization for clinicians and sustainable transformation.

Framework for New York’s  
Health Information Infrastructure  
*Cross-Sectional” Interoperability – People, Data,  
Systems*



Critical Policy Alignment  
Enabled by Cross-Sectional Interoperability



## **Organizational Strategy**

HEAL Phase V awardees fall into two categories of eligible applicants:

- **Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs)** – multi-stakeholder organizations that exist as a NYS not-for-profit corporation to enable interoperable health information exchange through governance and collaboration with an overall mission to improve health care quality and safety and reduce costs.
- **Community Health Information Technology Adoption Collaborations (CHITAs)** – community collaboration of ambulatory care clinicians and clinically affiliated providers defined as a care coordination zone with a mission to advance adoption and effective use of health IT tools, especially EHRs, for clinicians at the point of care.
- **Public-Private Partnership** – New York eHealth Collaborative to drive consensus on health IT policies and standard implementation approaches. Convene and provide technical assistance to HEAL NY health IT projects; provide governance and policy framework
- **HITEC**- a multi-institutional academic collaborative among institutions in New York State including Cornell University, Columbia University, the University of Rochester, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and the State University of New York at Albany, has been charged with providing evaluation services for HEAL Phase V in a consistent and objective manner across all funded projects.

## **Clinical Strategy**

- A key objective of HEAL Phase V is to ensure that clinical priorities drive technology implementation.
- Accordingly, NYS has established a set of clinical investment priorities from which applicants selected as the goals of their application.
- Each clinical investment priority has a corresponding use case that reflects the high-level clinical and business requirements to guide software functionality and technical implementation.
- The clinical investment priorities and corresponding use cases include: (See “Clinical Investment Priorities” for description)
  - Connecting New Yorkers and Clinicians
  - Health Information Exchange for Public Health
  - Interoperable EHRs for Medicaid
  - Quality Reporting for Outcomes
  - Clinical Decision Support in a HIE Environment
  - Immunization Reporting via EHRs
  - Quality Reporting for Prevention via EHRs
- Health IT Adoption and Support Services