



Needs Assessment Interview Guide: Topics for Discussion

A. Health Information Technology

1. Medicaid/SCHIP Health IT initiatives in your state

For each initiative, we will discuss:

- Current stage of implementation and implementation plans
- Goals or outcomes identified
- Plans for evaluation
- Current and future challenges
- Costs and plans to evaluate costs
- Challenges to evaluation
- Helpfulness of other models and experiences for your agency
- Best practices and lessons learned

B. Health Information Exchange (HIE)

1. Review of HIE's in your state

For each exchange, we will discuss:

- Your agency's role in a health information exchange
- Desired goals and outcomes
- Plans for evaluation
- Current and future challenges
- Costs and plans to evaluate costs
- Challenges to evaluation
- Helpfulness of other models and experiences for your agency
- Best practices and lessons learned
- Role for Medicaid/SCHIP in future state HIE projects

2. Reasons for not participating in HIE

C. Areas where technical assistance is currently needed

1. Prioritization of specific topics for technical assistance, for example:
 - Health IT/HIE Privacy and Security Issues for Medicaid and SCHIP Agencies
 - Adoption and use of Data and Technical Standards
 - Electronic Health Records
 - Medication Management and e-Prescribing
2. Preferred Methods for Provision of Technical Assistance, for example:
 - Webinar
 - Peer-to-peer in-person meetings
 - Webcast