



# Health Information Technology Policy Landscape

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# Overview

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- Health Information Technology (HIT) concepts
- State HIT policy
- Federal HIT policy

- Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)
- Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs)
- Other clinical HIT tools
  - Electronic Prescribing (eRx)
  - Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)
  - Clinical Decision Support (CDS)

# Health Information Technology in Texas

## *State agency programs*

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- Health Passport
- Medicaid Eligibility and Health Information System
- Department of State Health Services
  - ImmTrac
  - Clinical Management for Behavioral Health System
- Other Medicaid HIT programs
  - eRx program
  - Local HIE pilot program



# Health Information Technology in Texas

## *State legislative activity*

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- 81<sup>st</sup> Regular Legislative Session (2009 )
  - Health passport expansion
  - Electronic prescribing (also LBB report)
  - Medicaid-based HIE

- Several new health IT initiatives created and funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
  - Electronic health record incentives (estimated \$36-\$46 billion)
  - Health information infrastructure (\$2 billion)
    - State grants for HIE planning and implementation
    - Health IT regional extension centers
    - Health IT workforce program

- **Texas Awards**
  - State HIE program – \$28.8 million
  - HIT regional extension centers (4) – \$37.7 million
  - University-based HIT training – \$5.4 million
  - Community college HIT training – \$3.4 million
  - HIT research – \$15 million
  - CHC implementation – \$6.9 million
  - Medicaid HIT planning – \$3.9 million
- **Total Texas HIT awards – \$101 million**