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District of Columbia Health Information Exchange Policy Board

Recommendation on the Connected DMV: A Smart Region Movement

I. SUMMARY

Connected DMV: A Smart Region Movement is a cross-sector, public-private movement launched in January 2019 to create the nation’s leading digitally enabled region. Connected DMV is being spearheaded by the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, WMATA, and the Military District of Washington.

Connected DMV working groups began meeting in June 2019 to establish a framework for a trusted, secure and inclusive digital infrastructure. Some of these working groups focus on essential capabilities for all smart region initiatives (e.g. privacy and cybersecurity), while others identify specific at-scale solutions that solve problems in specific domains, like transportation, education and health and wellness. Connected DMV intends to prioritize domain-related solutions that help to galvanize region-wide support and coordination. All of these efforts are guided by the following goals and values:

Smart Region Goals	Smart Region Values
Drive inclusive economic growth	Citizen-centered, focused on enhancing services and experience for them
Attract companies, talent and investment	Narrows the digital divide
Improve the daily lives of the people who live in and visit the region	Makes citizen-government dialogue a key component, to understand the problems that directly impact citizens, and applying technology to solve these problems

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Health information connectivity will be a critical factor in the success of any Connected DMV initiatives that seek to improve the health and wellness of the region’s residents and visitors. With appropriate engagement, these initiatives could leverage the DC HIE and advance the District’s HIE policy objectives. Conversely, the lack of engagement could lead to smart region proposals that needlessly overlap or conflict with the DC HIE framework for trusted health information exchange.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE GOAL AND ACTIVITY

The Subcommittee examined the potential involvement of the DC HIE with the Connected DMV Smart Region Movement as part of the following Goal and Activity:

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Goal. Make recommendations to the District Government on strategies to inform the impact of local and national HIT/HIE policies on the exchange of health information in the District.

Activity. Provide ongoing recommendations and guidance on local policies impacting health information exchange.

IV. FINDINGS/ANALYSIS

- Connected DMV appears to have broad cross-sector, public-private support, including from Metropolitan Washington Council on Governments. DC Councilmember Robert White chairs the Metropolitan Washington Council on Governments, and Mayor Muriel Bowser serves on its Board of Directors.
- Connected DMV has goals and values that appear to be compatible with the District’s State Medicaid Health IT Plan; specifically, a digitally enabled region could help narrow the digital divide and enhance the health services and experience available to the District’s Medicaid population.
- Connected DMV convened a Health and Wellness Solutions Group in June 2019 to develop recommendations for regional at-scale solutions that improve the health and wellness of residents and visitors.
- Health information connectivity through the DC HIE is likely to be an essential capability for these solutions.
- Although the DC HIE’s jurisdiction is limited to the District, health information connectivity across the Washington Metropolitan Area is compatible with the DC HIE’s goals, in that many District residents receive health care services in the District, Maryland or Virginia.
- This Health and Wellness Solutions Group has scheduled a strategy roundtable for October 16, 2019 (noon – 2pm ET) to elicit feedback from government executives, elected officials and community and industry leaders on at-scale initiatives in the health and wellness domain that it has already developed.
- The Health and Wellness Solutions Group is likely to benefit from a deeper understanding of the DC HIE and feedback from the DC HIE Policy Board’s member agencies as it iterates on its proposed solutions.

V. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR BOARD ACTION

For the DC HIE Policy Board to designate a government representative of the Board to participate and brief the Connected DMV’s Health and Wellness Solutions Group about the DC HIE as well as serve as a point of contact for member agencies to participate in formulating smart region solutions that align with DC HIE policy objectives.

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VI. CONCLUSION

Smart region initiatives that lead to better health and narrow the digital divide have the potential to improve the daily lives of District residents, including Medicaid populations. Improving health information connectivity will be an essential capability for many of these initiatives, which the DC HIE can provide. For this reason, it makes sense for the Connected DMV Health and Wellness Solution Group to know more about the DC HIE, so that Connected DMV can develop at-scale initiatives that effectively leverage the DC HIE. Aligning DC HIE with Connected DMV can also build demand for health information connectivity, to help the DC HIE grow.

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