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Dear Reader,

On August 7, 2014 I invited my colleagues from Connecticut’s health and human services, administrative services, and operational planning and management agencies to join me in the development of a shared vision for governing the state’s investment in and deployment of health information technology. Health information technology is essential to innovation, which, in turn, is necessary to improve quality of health care and associated health outcomes. We believe that articulating a clear and achievable Health IT Plan is a first step in ensuring our state’s ability to deliver person-centered care and improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

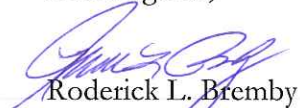
Together, we have made significant progress over the last five years improving care delivery through a number of cross-agency modernization initiatives. Many are focused on adoption of new and improved technologies addressing challenges associated with access and care delivery. Connecticut is ready to create a Health IT strategy with a clear course forward. Defining a shared vision and mission with an agreed-upon governance structure provides the necessary framework to continue our collective work, and to revise and refresh our Health IT Plan as we move forward with innovations in health care.

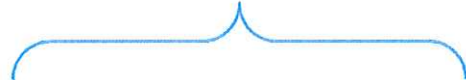
This *CT Health IT Strategic and Operational Plan – Governance* report provides a history of what has been accomplished in the CT Health IT space and provides a context for the creation of a statewide Health IT Plan pursuant to Public Act 15-146, which passed with bipartisan legislative support. This Act affirms the foundational role of policy in defining the goals upon which we need to build a sustainable Health IT capacity that allows our state to keep pace with advancements and compete for federal investments in health and human services.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their time, wisdom, diligence and collaborative spirit in establishing a multi-agency Health IT vision, and a governance structure to guide us. We have a unique opportunity to advance our enterprise, built on an interoperable framework, and to align health and human services for better health outcomes.

I look forward to further enhancing the governance structure with the advice and support of the State Health IT Advisory Council, so that we may begin to prioritize and plan the state’s Health IT goals and objectives, including the establishment of a statewide health information exchange.

Best Regards,


 Roderick L. Bremby
 Commissioner



Vision

Empower individuals and those that provide health resources to achieve better health outcomes through improved access to secure and private health information

Mission

Develop a health information technology framework, based on shared values across state agencies

