

## Leading Informatics-Savvy Public Health Agencies: Policy Considerations for State Health Officials



The Office of the National Coordinator promotes the 21st Century Cures Act as a way for states to:

- Advance data systems interoperability.
- Emphasize and ensure patient access to their own data.
- Develop standard approaches for data collection and exchange outlined in Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA).

*ONC seeks input on related proposed rules and regulations*

Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) is automated transmission of electronic health record data between public health and health care. Benefits include:

- Less burden on providers and public health agencies.
- Bidirectional flow of public health and health care information.
- Improved timeliness, completeness, and accuracy of disease reporting.
- More robust clinical data that improves surveillance.

*States need to prepare for legal/technical aspects of eCR*

CDC's Public Health Surveillance Strategy seeks state feedback on:

- Building capacity for an informatics-savvy workforce.
- Developing tools to promote interoperable data systems and core standards.
- Promoting interjurisdictional data sharing and governance.

*CDC seeks input on this strategy*

### ASTHO is poised to build state health officials' engagement on national informatics policies

ASTHO'S CENTER FOR POPULATION HEALTH STRATEGIES  
THREE PILLARS

CLINICAL TO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	DATA ANALYTICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS

← POPULATION HEALTH LEADERSHIP, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND POLICY →

Through the three-pillar approach, we:

- Provide expertise in informatics policy and advocacy.
- Build state and territorial health official (S/THO) leadership in the field.
- Offer technical assistance to public health agencies to build their public health informatics and IT capacity.

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