

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE).

The ILHIE will be most successful and provide the greatest benefit to the residents of Illinois if high participation can be achieved. In general, opt-out approaches lead to greater participation than opt-in approaches.

The Preamble to the ACO Rules states:

*An opt-out approach is used successfully in most systems of electronic exchange of information because it is **significantly less burdensome** on consumers and providers while still providing an opportunity for caregivers to engage with patients to promote trust and permitting patients to exercise control over their data.” See 76 Fed Reg. 19560 (2011).*

I would concur with this statement.

Sincerely,

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