



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER S-06-07

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WHEREAS the State recognizes the vital importance of ensuring that Californians can make informed choices about the health care services they purchase based on the quality and value of those services; and

WHEREAS consumers currently lack the information tools to compare physicians, hospitals and health plans on the basis of cost and quality because the comparative data is nonexistent or not meaningful; and

WHEREAS the State is committed to improving the access to, quality and effectiveness of these health care services provided to Californians; and

WHEREAS the State believes that transparent data on health care quality and pricing can stimulate competition in a way that increases the quality and value of health care services, while reducing the cost of care; and

WHEREAS the State realizes the potential of health information technology to provide the tools that can aid health system participants to improve the quality and affordability of health care services; and

WHEREAS the State has established a goal to achieve 100 percent electronic health data exchange among payers, health providers, consumers of health care, researchers, and government agencies in the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS purchasers, including the State, are key to improving the transparency and accountability of health care and the state is a major purchaser of health care, through Medi-Cal, the Healthy Families Program, and the California Public Employees Retirement System; and

WHEREAS on August 22, 2006 President George W. Bush signed executive order "Promoting Quality and Efficient Health Care in Federal Government Administered or Sponsored Health Care Programs" directing federal agencies to encourage adoption of health information technology, increase transparency of quality of pricing information, and promote quality and efficiency of health care services; and

WHEREAS this executive order is consistent with State priorities in health information technology, cost containment, and quality improvement; and

WHEREAS private sector entities are currently engaged in health information technology development, quality and price transparency projects, and quality and efficiency improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS thousands of physicians in organized delivery systems currently successfully participate in nationally-acclaimed private sector pay for performance initiatives; and

WHEREAS public sector entities are currently engaged in regional initiatives in chronic disease management, health information technology, performance measurements and provider tools; and

WHEREAS collaboration between the public and private sector is essential for development of policies and creation of information systems necessary to accomplish the goals set forth in the President's executive order in ways that meet the needs of the diverse array of stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this

