



Michigan Chapter of HIMSS Support Letter for Michigan HB 5283 and HB 5284

The Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is a global advisor, thought leader and member-based society committed to reforming the global health ecosystem through the power of information and technology. HIMSS is a mission-driven non-profit organization with a breadth and depth of expertise in health innovation, public policy, workforce development, research and digital health transformation to advise leaders, stakeholders and influencers across the global health ecosystem on best practices. In operation for more than 60 years, HIMSS has focused operations across North America, Europe, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

HIMSS Global has more than 125,000 individuals, 430+ provider organizations, 500+ nonprofit partners, and 550+ health services organizations.

HIMSS Michigan Chapter, in operation since 2002, represents more than 1500 individual members as well as organizational and educational affiliates and corporate members throughout all regions of the State of Michigan. Our members span all sectors of the healthcare continuum. We collaborate with many other healthcare nonprofits throughout Michigan to better serve all of our members and our work to improve healthcare access, delivery, costs, and outcomes, and to improve the health of all those who live in or visit the State of Michigan.

The HIMSS Michigan Public Policy / Advocacy Committee, following HIMSS Public Policy Principles, focuses on: health equity; data privacy, security, and cybersecurity; interoperability, health information exchange and infrastructure; connected health; quality, value, safety, and outcomes; clinical and administrative efficiency; innovation and research; patient activation and engagement; workforce development and economic growth; population and public health; artificial intelligence / machine learning technologies. We seek to advance policy development that ensures these principles are reflected in public policy and work to realize our vision to realize the full health potential of every person in Michigan.

HIMSS Michigan Chapter has been involved in the evolution of health information exchange in Michigan since the early 2000s and in the organization and deployment of the state-level HIE (MiHIN) and most of the regional HIEs that are included in the MiHIN network. Our members are also providers (health systems, provider organizations, payers, clinical quality analysts, health executives and informaticians, to name a few. As such, we are acutely aware of the challenges facing the healthcare industry to connect and deliver high quality services to all sectors of the state, rural, urban, behavioral health, community information exchanges, etc. MiHIN has demonstrated a high level of leadership in delivering connected services to many sectors of the healthcare ecosystem. It is recognized as a leading HIE nationally, one of a very few that are designed to deliver services to multiple sectors of the population. However, the demand for interoperability services is rising and the costs are very high. Margins for both the HIE and the provider and community organizations are low and it is difficult for them to advance the services needed to fully serve a statewide population at high service levels.



HIMSS Michigan Chapter supports HB 5283 and HB 5284 which would provide a sustainable and equitable funding stream for the expansion and ongoing support and development of health data utility activities designed to improve the delivery of person and population centered care in an equitable manner. We would recommend that this funding would build on the decades of effort that have gone into establishing one of the leading HIEs in the country and to improving the health and healthcare of every person in Michigan. This legislation is in alignment with HIMSS Public Policy Principles and is very important to the members of the HIMSS Michigan Chapter Public Policy / Advocacy Committee.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen L. Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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