



Fox Systems To Conduct Alaska State Medicaid Health Information Technology Plan (SMHP) Technical Assistance

McLean, Va. (BUSINESS WIRE)—Fox Systems (FOX) has been awarded the contract to provide technical assistance to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services in developing a State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP). The work has four primary objectives: 1) assess the Medicaid As-Is landscape, 2) develop the To-Be landscape, 3) develop an electronic health record (EHR) incentive program plan, and 4) develop the SMHP Roadmap based on the inputs from the previous three objectives, as well as draft an Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD).

This award reflects positively on our experience with the State in developing its [Medicaid Management Information System \(MMIS\) requirements](#), performing a survey of Medicaid providers about the MMIS system, and assessing the feasibility of managed care in Alaska. We have also conducted 18 state [MITA State Self-Assessments](#) and are developing SMHPs for three other states. We will leverage SMHP, Personal Health Record, Master Patient Index, and IAPD development from other states, while recognizing that Alaska, with its remote communities, dependence on telecommunications, ethnic diversity, and multiple modes of healthcare delivery, will require a unique solution. The To-Be plan will incorporate the Telemedicine, Health Clinic, and ePrescribing components into a cohesive roadmap for the SMHP. During the planning process FOX will assist in stakeholder meetings to determine what information will be included in an EHR, what data standards will be used, and develop Meaningful Use Criteria for Alaska that is in alignment with federal Medicare Meaningful Use standards to be submitted to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. The SMHP will also consider input from the other stakeholders in the Alaska electronic health information network.

About FOX

[Fox Systems, LLC](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cognosante, is a nationally recognized consulting practice that provides information systems and operations services to public and private sector healthcare clients. FOX specializes in consulting services related to large-scale information systems that support state Medicaid programs, Managed Care Organizations, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, and Clearinghouses. Founded in 1987 by Susan J. Fox, PhD., FOX has numerous project locations throughout the country to facilitate completion of major contracts, with more than 25 active projects.

About Cognosante

[Cognosante](#) is all about health—*cognos* from the Latin *cognosco* meaning “to know” and *santé* meaning “health” in French. Our mission is to deliver high-quality health information solutions, both strategic and operational, for public and private health organizations by providing services and technology, skilled business and technical professionals, and proven solutions and methodologies to address today's growing high cost of health care and resource limitations through information sharing. Our vision is to unsilo information to deliver solutions that enhance the quality, improve the efficiency, and reduce the administrative cost of healthcare.

Contact: Barbara Eberhard, Director of Marketing, 703-827-7304, barbara.eberhard@cognosante.com