



HB213: Health Information Exchanges – Definition and Privacy Regulations

Position: Support

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CRISP appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 213. As Maryland's State-Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), CRISP's vision is to advance health and wellness by deploying health information technology solutions adopted through cooperation and collaboration.

Multiple entities support our health care industry by exchanging patient records. It is critical that each of them – including CRISP – is held to the highest standard to safeguard those records. The proposed legislation appropriately and necessarily updates the definition of an HIE to be more inclusive and to confirm to national policies.

Further, we have reviewed the clarifications provided through stakeholder input and agree with those changes. The collaboration during the drafting of the bill is commendable and we are glad to offer our full support.