



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

June 9, 2016

Roderick Bremby, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services  
55 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

Thank you for submitting 'Connecticut's Plan to Establish a Statewide Health Information Exchange,' dated January 4, 2016, pursuant to section 17b-59d(e) of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes. Please consider this letter to supersede the previously issued approval on June 7, 2016. I have reviewed the plan and, at this time, approve the commissioner to move forward with procurement of an alert notification engine and provider directory, consistent with section 6(d)(1) of Public Act 16-77 which requires all enterprise health information technologies to be interoperable with a health information exchange.

Given the implementation of a new Health Information Technology Officer position that will be responsible for the coordination of all state health information technology initiatives pursuant to Public Act 16-77, the other aspects included in the submitted plan, in particular the stakeholder engagement process, should be deferred until further discussion with the Health Information Technology Officer can occur.

I look forward to working closely with the new Health Information Technology Officer, the Department of Social Services, other relevant state agencies, and members of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council to achieve a shared vision for health information technology in the state. Thank you again for your efforts and leadership in this issue area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Barnes', written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary