

mHealth Task Force

Findings and Recommendations

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mHealth Task Force – Overarching Goal

By 2017 mHealth, wireless health and e-Care solutions will be routinely available as part of best practices for medical care

mHealth Task Force – Definition

As used by this Task Force:

mHealth = mobile health, wireless health, e-Care technologies

mHealth Task Force - Goals

Goal 1: FCC should continue to play a leadership role in advancing mobile health adoption.

Goal 2: Federal agencies should increase collaboration to promote innovation, protect patient safety, and avoid regulatory duplication.

Goal 3: The FCC should build on existing programs and link programs when possible in order to expand broadband access for health care.

Goal 4: The FCC should continue efforts to increase capacity, reliability, interoperability and RF safety of mHealth technologies.

Goal 5: Industry should support continued investment, innovation, and job creation in the growing mobile health sector.

mHealth Task Force – Goal 1

FCC should continue to play a leadership role

- 1. FCC hire healthcare director**
- 2. Agencies should improve educational outreach activities**
- 3. FCC healthcare website**
- 4. FCC continued public input**

mHealth Task Force – Goal 2

Federal agencies should increase collaboration

- 1. HHS should convene a working group under § 618**
- 2. FCC and FDA continued collaboration – medical devices**
- 3. FCC, ONC and CMS collaboration – EHR program**
- 4. FCC and CMS should share and acquire data**
- 5. Explore sharing health data between agencies**
- 6. Standardize health technology nomenclature**
- 7. Provide expertise on secure health messaging**

mHealth Task Force – Goal 3

FCC should expand broadband access for healthcare

1. Update the Rural Health Care Program

- a) Expand awareness and explore wireless technology**
- b) Permit consortium applications**

2. Modernizing the Lifeline Program for Broadband

- a) Support fixed and mobile broadband**
- b) Integrate with healthcare delivery**

mHealth Task Force – Goal 4

Continue efforts on capacity, reliability, interoperability and RF safety

- 1. Make available more licensed spectrum for mobile broadband**
- 2. International harmonization of MedRadio spectrum**
- 3. Solicit medical community input on medical imaging and video**
- 4. Encourage and lend expertise for creation of wireless test beds**
- 5. Modify SAR testing requirements for intermittent data transfer**
- 6. Address installation of telehealth in home environments**

mHealth Task Force – Goal 5

Industry should continue investment, innovation and job creation in the growing mobile health sector

- 1. Continue to develop and deploy mHealth and e-Care**
- 2. Adopt standards-based technologies for secure health info**
- 3. Access and documentation for health data API's**
- 4. Seek PPP formal and informal collaborative opportunities**