



# Medicaid IT Architecture (MITA) Focus Group Results Report

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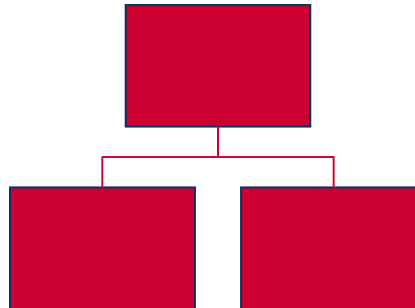
## Visioning Session Statistics

<b>State:</b>	
<b>Number of Questions</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Responses Received</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Industry:</b>	
<b>Number of Questions</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Responses Received</b>	<b>538</b>





# Application Architecture





*Industry - “Enterprise Medicaid IT application systems, including the MMIS cannot exist separate from IT application systems supporting other health and human services programs. Thus, the key to enterprise software is integration.”*

*State - “The system must be easier to modify. Frequent changes, both regulation and legislation, require a MMIS to be flexible and responsive to state needs.”*



Industry - *“Create a common ‘look and feel’ and publish standards that must be used for all application development”*

State - *“Cost savings on both the Federal and state level.”*





*“With the challenge to manage the ever increasing complexity of business rules changes, the answer lies in use and implementation of business rules separate from the application logic. ...The concept has been implemented successfully in other similar industries and is being worked on in some of the states.”*



*“Require common elements in the software design, so that components from various vendors could be easily interchanged. If the MMIS standards had specifications for software components, vendors would know if they are to receive federal financial participation, they would have to certify that their components met certain standards.”*



*“Without “plug and play” software, the ability to have an architecture that can grow with the future will not happen. Modular design is the future.”*

*“The mindset of the CMS and many state IT shops still appears to view a modular approach using many of the continuing evolved software and software development tools as too risky! Without acceptable and manageable level of risk, no “new architecture” will happen.”*



Industry - *“Alteration of Advanced Planning Document process to expedite procurement processes and integration of state procurement processes with Federal processes”*

State - *“Federal certification requirements should be less cumbersome and not be duplicated every time a state implements a modular component.”*





*“The recent development of a DSS will provide the best return on investment. Also, the use of the web for several provider functions as well as publishing Medicaid information to the public.”*



# Data Architecture











Industry - *“Justice Holmes once wrote ‘the states are the laboratories of America’ – the danger is that we will stifle state individuality and initiative; we need to explore ways to have uniformity but encourage innovation at the same time.”*

State - *“Certain information could be collected by a single entity, stored on a single database and act as a repository for all states to use.”*







# Next Steps

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