

1 **COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

2 **POLICY: NCSL SUPPORTS NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK-**  
3 **OCTOBER 7-8, 2015**

4 **TYPE: (MEMORIAL)**

5 National Health IT Week 2014 **2015** will take place ~~September 15-19~~ **October 7-8**. Key  
6 public and private healthcare constituents – representing the full spectrum of healthcare  
7 interests – will convene in Washington, DC and around the country to address  
8 implications for ongoing healthcare reform initiatives and promote understanding and  
9 implementation of ARRA now.

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11 Initiated in 2006 by The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society  
12 (HIMSS), National Health IT Week has emerged as a landmark occasion for bringing  
13 together diverse national healthcare stakeholders, who partner in developing neutral,  
14 common ground for the advancement of health IT adoption with "One Voice, One  
15 Vision."

16 This ~~September~~ **October**, nearly 400 public and private sector organizations throughout  
17 the nation will participate in the ~~Ninth~~ **Tenth** Annual National Health IT Week.

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19 The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has worked closely with HIMSS  
20 and other stakeholder organizations to promote understanding among state  
21 policymakers of the contributions of health IT to improving the quality and safety of  
22 healthcare delivery and containing healthcare costs. National Health IT Week presents  
23 an opportunity for NCSL and other stakeholders to recognize the value of information  
24 technology and management systems to transform the United States healthcare  
25 system, improving the quality and cost efficiency for all Americans.

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27 NCSL encourages its members to observe "National Health IT Week 2014 **2015**" in  
28 appropriate ways in their respective state capitals as well as in the Nation's Capital.

29 NCSL also encourages its members to urge their respective delegations to the United  
30 States Congress to join in recognizing the benefits of health information technology as  
31 they act to improve health care for all citizens during National Health Information  
32 Technology Week.