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 A Golden Opportunity for Medicaid Transformation: State CIOs and the MITA Framework

LEXINGTON, Ky., Thursday, May 24 — The Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) framework is a way states can decouple legacy systems and break down existing silos in state government, according to the latest issue brief, "**A Golden Opportunity for Medicaid IT Transformation: State CIOs and the MITA Framework**," released today by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO). The report is available at www.nascio.org/publications.

This is an unprecedented time for health IT in the United States, and the backbone of achieving lower costs, better health outcomes, and system interoperability relies on an enterprise view. NASCIO, a long-time advocate for enterprise solutions, believes state adherence to the MITA 3.0 guidance set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is imperative for increasing the agility and interoperability of the state Medicaid enterprise.

"There are substantial fiscal incentives for states to meet the seven standards and conditions for enhanced federal funding, but the benefit of state adherence to the principles of MITA will also be advantageous to citizens, federal government, and the vendor community," said Doug Robinson, NASCIO executive director. "Budgets are tight and Medicaid expansion is going to be a major concern for the states. State CIOs recognize there needs to be an enterprise approach that focuses on re-use and adaptability of emerging technologies to find potential savings."

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