

# State Alliance for e-Health

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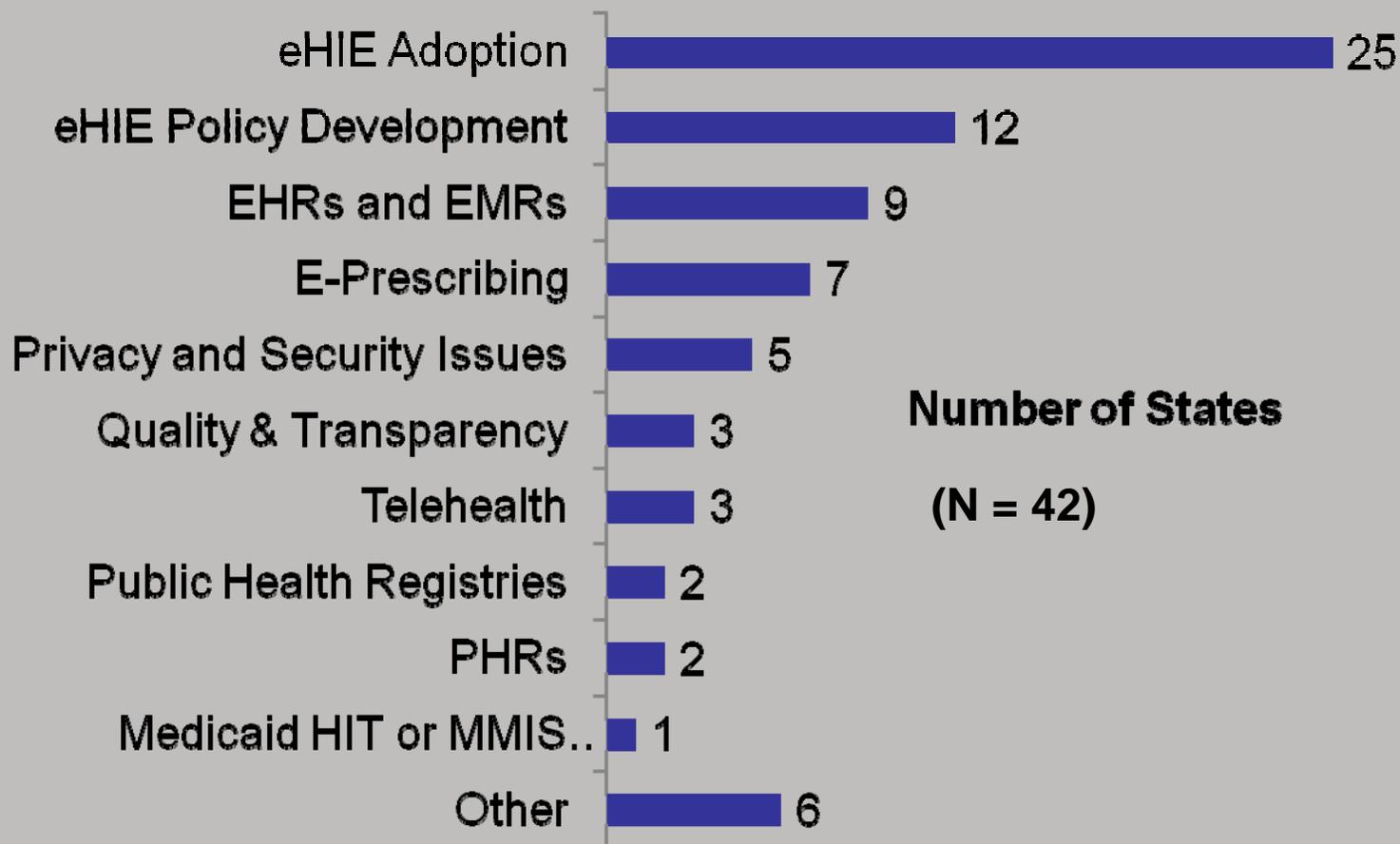
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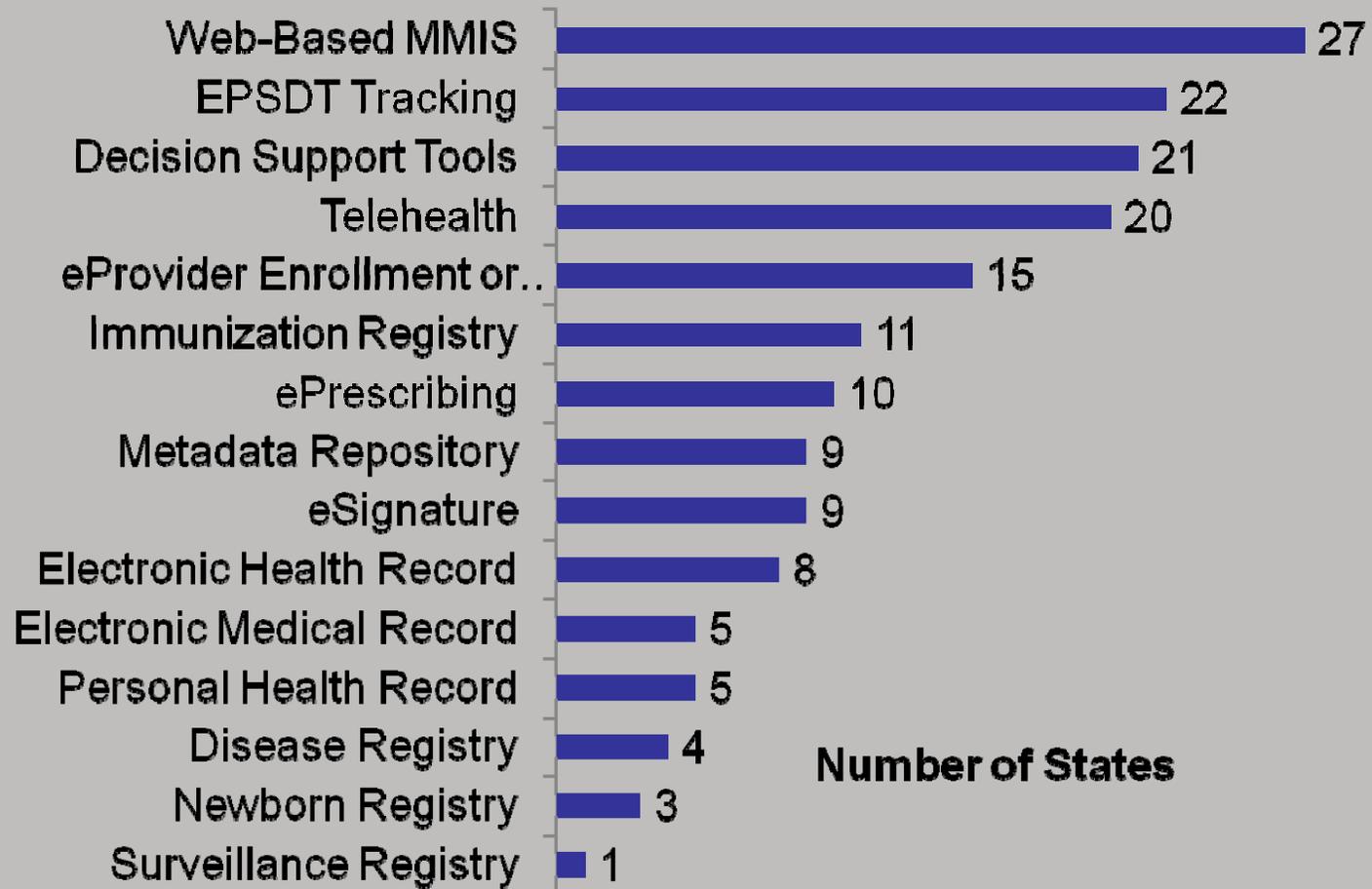
## Practical Solutions for Real Problems

# Top State e-Health Priorities for Next 2 Years



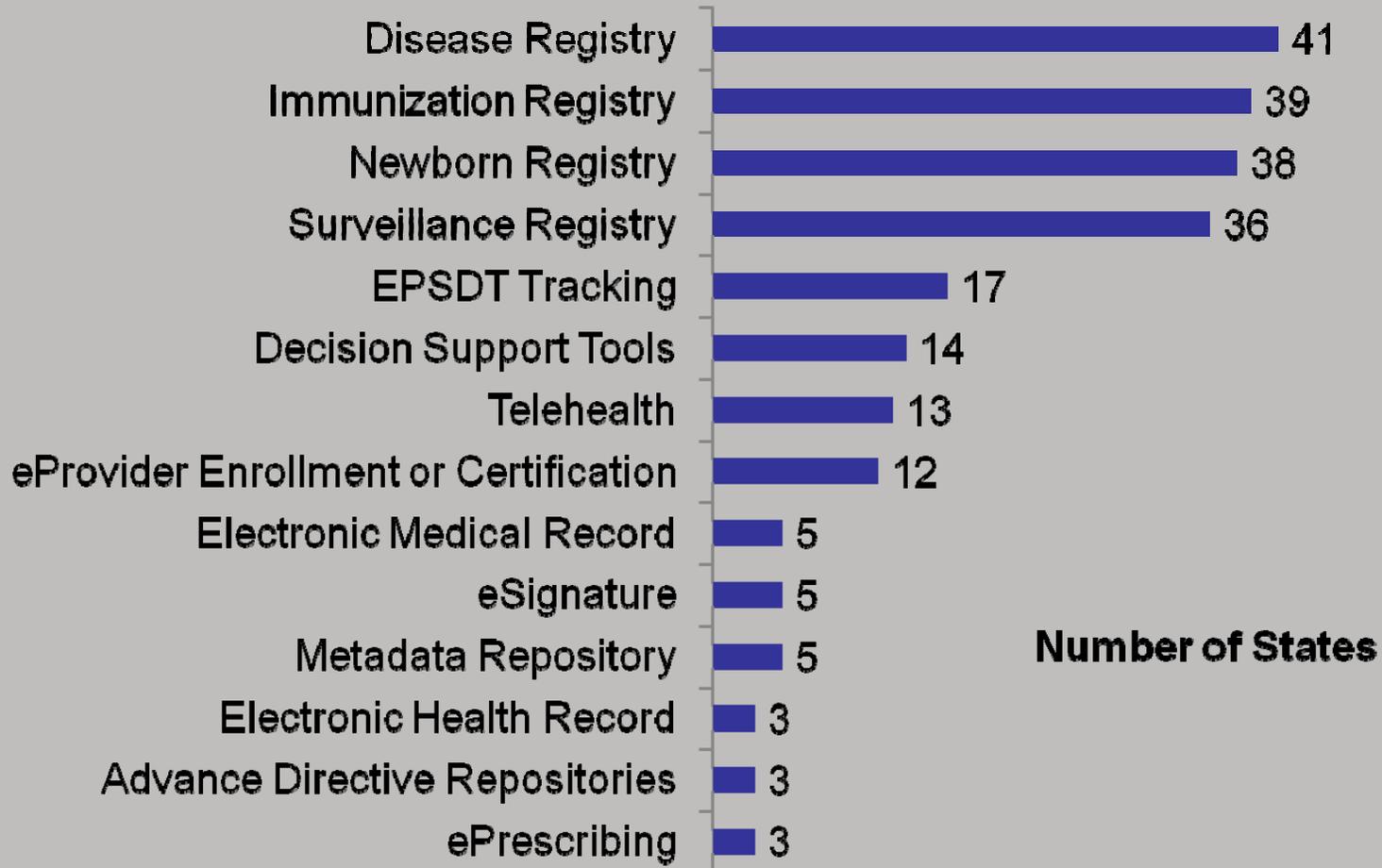
# E-Health Activities Implemented Within Medicaid

(Total = 170 Activities Reported by 37 States)



# E-Health Activities Implemented Within Public Health

**(Total = 234 Activities Reported by 41 States)**

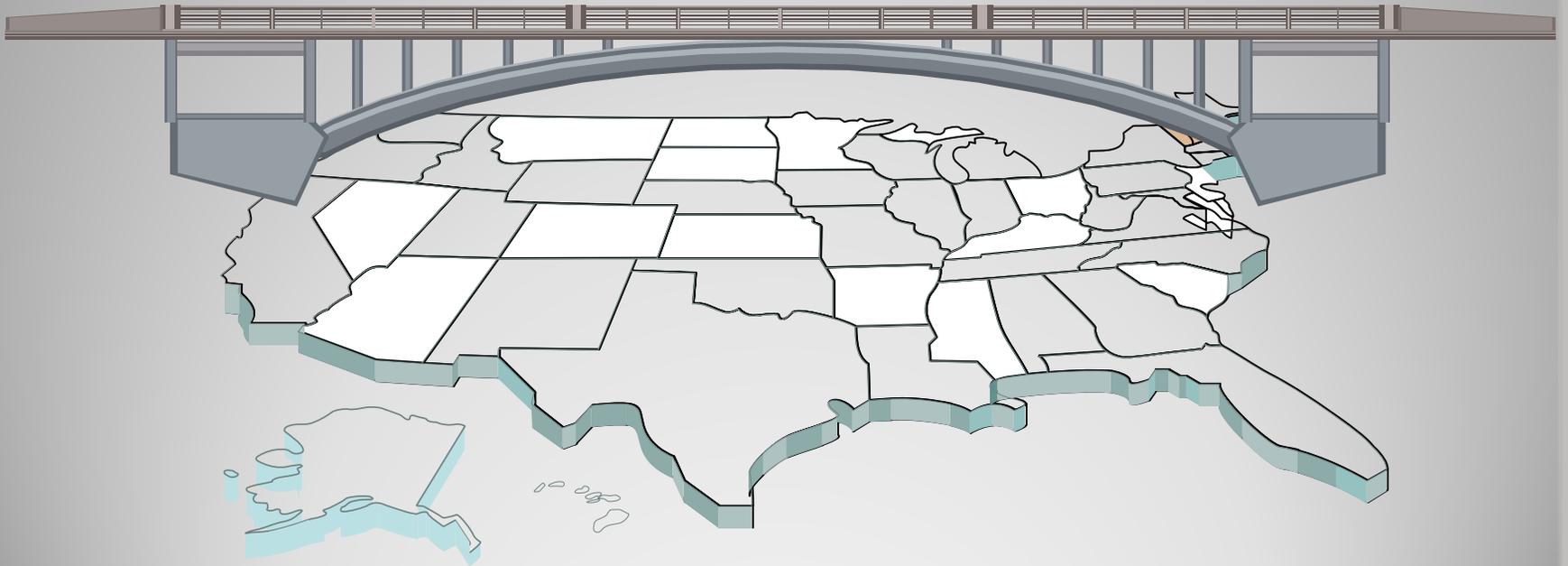


# Barriers to Accomplishing State e-Health Priorities



Source: The Commonwealth Fund & NGA eHealth Survey, conducted by HMA, 2007.

# Consensus Building



## State Alliance for e-Health

# Why a State Alliance for e-Health?

## ❖ Relevant state roles for Health IT adoption

- Regulate the insurance market
- License and oversee health professionals and facilities
- Purchase and fund health care services and coverage under Medicaid and other programs
- Provide legal protections for consumers and others
- Set the regulatory and legal environment on health record privacy and other relevant issues
- Provide direct funding for public good

## ❖ States are experienced in reform

- They are practically focused
- Experiences in interstate coordination
- Very interested and actively engaged on health issues

# Membership

## ❖ **Voting Members- (13)**

- Governor Phil Bredesen, TN (Co-Chair)
- Governor Jim Douglas, VT (Co-Chair)
- 2 Attorneys General
- 2 State Insurance Commissioners
- 4 State Legislators
- 2 Former Governors
- 1 State Health Official

## ❖ **Non-Voting members (Advisory group-7)**

- State health government representatives
- Relevant private sector members
- Technical experts

# Goals of the State Alliance

- ❖ **Build consensus among states, and among the different players within states for Health IT solutions**
- ❖ **Provide states with realistic, timely, and well-researched options**
- ❖ **Allow for input of experts and practitioners working on health IT endeavors to inform state policymaking**
- ❖ **NGA's support of the Alliance is made possible by a contract with the Office of the National Coordinator at HHS.**
  - Proposed as a 3-year contract, initiated 9/06
  - Working in partnership with partner organizations including NCSL and NAAG to ensure broad dissemination of outputs stemming from the Alliance.

# 2007 Taskforces

## ❖ Three Taskforces

- Health Information Protection
- Health Care Practice
- Health Information Communication and Data Exchange

## ❖ Each Taskforce is composed of public and private sector representatives from major sectors including:

- Public health and Medicaid
- Health systems and plans
- Health providers (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, labs)
- Employers, academics, and other private sector voices

## ❖ Role of Taskforces for the Alliance

- Charges from Alliance
- Report to Alliance and provide recommendations on actions
- Free-standing outputs from the taskforces possible

# Structure and Potential Outcomes

U.S. Governors,  
State Legislatures, Departments of Health,  
and Offices of Attorneys General,  
Insurance Commissioners



Potential Outcomes  
Executive Orders  
Legislative Proposals  
Regulatory Reforms  
New Policies and Programs



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State Alliance Supporting Taskforces

# **What States Can Do**

- 1. Provide leadership and political support to fuel electronic HIE.**
- 2. Remove policy and legal barriers as appropriate and necessary.**
- 3. Facilitate standards-based technology adoption.**
- 4. Streamline the licensure process.**
- 5. Develop workforce capacity for electronic HIE.**
- 6. Promote transparency of electronic HIE and engage consumers in their health and care.**
- 7. Achieve critical mass implementation.**

# 2008 Issues for the State Alliance

- ❖ **Increase knowledge regarding financing, sustainability and accountability for HIE**
  - E.g., in the context of public health, public utility options, and potential government oversight needs
- ❖ **Identify levers for states to further electronic prescribing**
- ❖ **Continue to find ways to support standardization and interoperability**

# Key Activities Going Forward

- ❖ **Issue State Alliance's first report to the nation on e-health and states (Spring 2008)**
- ❖ **Convene new taskforces to examine (a) privacy and security and (b) public program implementation.**
  - Meetings in April 2008 and June/July 2008.
- ❖ **Support implementation, with activities such as:**
  - Develop a guide and set of tools based on current and future recommendations of the Alliance to assist states in forming plans for electronic HIE and health IT adoption.
  - Select states to support in the development of state-wide innovations that would include Alliance recommendations.
  - State sharing of best practices through learning forums.

# Timeline and Access

- ❖ **The State Alliance is being conducted in a transparent fashion with input from states (nominations, testimony, comment on outputs.)**
- ❖ **All meetings open to the public and available via webcast**
- ❖ **Alliance is meeting quarterly**
  - Next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2008 in Washington, DC

# Join the State Alliance Listserv

Send a blank email to [subscribe-state-alliance@talk.nga.org](mailto:subscribe-state-alliance@talk.nga.org) to receive updates and news on the State Alliance for e-Health.

## State Alliance for e-Health Web site

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