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Double Duty Trouble for MNsure Exchange

MNsure, Minnesota’s Obamacare exchange, is in trouble because the state Department of Human Services used the Exchange for double duty: as a place to look for coverage and as a replacement IT system for the agency’s computers. Indeed, Obamacare offered a 90% funding match to states to update Medicaid computer systems.

But one MNsure board member writes, “Let’s admit that MNsure and [the Department] need a divorce.” He said the “legislative vision of one massive IT system doing all things for all people was a terrible IT blueprint.” He chastises legislation that would make MNsure into a new state agency, saying that’s where the problem began.

“MNsure, it’s time to get a divorce,” Tom Forsythe, Star Tribune, March 5, 2015.

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