Let's Stop MN EMR Mandate

By January 1 2015, every health care provider in Minnesota, including mental health practitioners, was mandated to use electronic medical records (EMRs). The law specifies that data standards conform to federal standards “for sharing and synchronizing patient data across systems.”

This means there’s nowhere to hide. It also means there are no pure unadulterated second opinions. And the high cost means many doctors have closed their offices or become employees of large systems.

We opposed the bill in 2007, but we were also fighting Governor Pawlenty’s health insurance exchange and there’s only so much an organization can stop in one session. We stopped the exchange. Now it’s time to end the electronic medical record mandate.

Minnesota Statutes 62J.495: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=62J.495