Appendix A: Questions for Public Comment

A. Request for overall comments

Please provide any overall comments on the HIE study findings, proposal, and recommendations. Comments may include support, concern, and/or considerations that should be taken into account should the recommendations move forward to implementation. To the extent possible, organizational letters or statements of support are encouraged to better gauge the level of support by stakeholders in Minnesota.

B. Request for specific comments on the proposed “connected networks” model

1. To what extent do you view this “connected networks” model as heading in the right direction for Minnesota? What suggestions can you offer that would strengthen the concept? If you have concerns, what viable alternatives would you suggest?
2. Thinking about your organization (provide specific examples):
   a. What gaps does this concept address?
   b. Which coordinated HIE services would be valuable for your organization? Which of these are a higher priority for your organization?
   c. What downsides and/or unintended consequences do you see?

C. Request for specific comments on Recommendation 1: Convene a task force to develop a detailed plan to implement the “connected networks” model

1. What organization(s) should be involved in leading this effort? What ideas or recommendations do you have to actualize this task force? For example, what existing models could we build this from?
2. What would you and/or your organization commit in order to develop a plan to implement the recommended “connected networks” model? Examples include resources, expertise, leadership, logistic support, and staffing.

D. Request for specific comments on Recommendation 2: Modify the Minnesota Health Records Act

1. Indicate which, if any, option you and/or your organization would support.
2. What benefits and/or unintended consequences of any of these options do you foresee for your organization or generally? (specify the option, provide specific examples when possible)