Nebraska State Plan Revisions—July 2010

Issue	Location
General	
Please include within the environmental scan a gap analysis for structured laboratory results. Please include a description of the number of labs capable of delivering structured lab results and current alternatives for providers to receive the structured lab results and how your planned activities will address the gaps in coverage.	Strategic Plan—Environmental Scan section under Structured Laboratory Results (pp. 17-18)
Please include within the environmental scan a gap analysis for a summary of care record exchange. Please include information about current uses of a summary care record and how the state will address the gap.	Strategic Plan—Environmental Scan section under Summary Care Record Exchange (p. 19)
Please include in the project plan when specific HIE services would become available. We did not find them with the exceptions of CPOE, disease registry and an "advanced interoperability hub" that were all scheduled for completion by 6/31/2010.	Operational Plan—Technical Assistance section under Technical Deployment (pp. 42-43)
The Nebraska plan mentioned several different entities in which it would like to coordinate with including federal programs and federally funded state programs, but the plan did not specify how the coordination would take place. Please describe the processes in which coordination between programs would take place.	Operational Plan—Coordination with Related Programs (pp. 20-22) is new material. The rest of the section also addresses concerns.
Also, please include a discussion about how the Medicaid 90/10 match would be leveraged for the state HIE program.	Operational Plan— Coordination with Related Programs under Medicaid (p. 28)
Governance	
Please describe the mechanism to ensure NeHII and the other HIOs performed as required. There was a discussion of a memo of understanding but it was not in place and we didn't see a description of its scope. Also, if there is an accountability relationship between NeHII and the regional HIOs, please describe it.	Operational Plan—Governance section under Internal Controls to Ensure Performance (p. 68) is new material. The list of responsibilities on pp. 69 -72 addresses scope.
Finance	
Please include in your plan a description of the financial policies, procedures and controls in place to ensure funding is used and handled appropriately.	Operational Plan—Finance section under Financial Accountability (pp. 79-87)

Technical Infrastructure	
The plan requires additional details describing the state infrastructure. The current plan offers very few details other than vendor products and some high level information about the standards. For example, the state plan may name a general standard, such as HL7, but provides limited information on versions, what specific standards cover what functions, little mention of security (VPN), or transport standards. Additionally, the plan explains that NeHII relies on Axolotl's security framework, with tools/functions listed on page 33 but does not tell what standards are being used.	Operational Plan—Technical Architecture section under Standards and Certification (pp. 50-52)
The state plan should also include the process to keep the state standards current.	Operational Plan—Technical Architecture section under Standards and Certification (pp. 50-52)
Business and Technical Operations	
Please update the description of the state's project management approach including project monitoring, problem escalation and general oversight.	Operational Plan—Business and Technical Operations section under Project Management (p. 54)
Please update the Operational Plan to include a description of the process for standard operating procedure development and implementation.	Operational Plan— Business and Technical Operations section under Standard Operating Procedures for HIE (p. 55) See also NeHII's Operating Procedures.
A project plan/schedule is enclosed which details project tasks and subtasks and indicates timelines and assigned responsibilities.	Not Addressed. This was determined to be a positive comment in our discussion with Chris Muir.
Legal/Policy	
• Please describe the state's Privacy and Security Framework or the process in which to develop the framework.	Operational Plan—Privacy and Security section under Privacy and Security Framework (pp. 58-63) See Also NeHII's Privacy and Security Policies.