

At MESC 2013 – Day 1

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Later, Keynote speaker and author David Goldhill, discussed his [book](#), “Catastrophic Care_ How American Healthcare Killed My Father- And How We Can Fix It.” The book features a combination of [analysis](#) and personal anecdotes which challenge the reader’s understanding of the healthcare system and the cost of healthcare in America. In his speech, Goldhill asserted that the most effective cost reforms were made under the Reagan administration. Many of these reforms, Goldhill [says](#), give healthcare providers the incentive to act quickly and economically. The innovators at the conference have been exploring potential solutions to these and other issues in healthcare. When we provide our cloud-based solutions to state governments, cost, effectiveness and quality of healthcare are always kept in mind.

With a [partnership](#) between the states of Michigan and Illinois, CNSI's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) is projected to help the governments save millions, which can be reinvested to expand effective healthcare programs. To learn more about CNSI's partnership MMIS in Michigan and Illinois, click [here](#). If you are at the conference download our free MESC agenda app from your iPhone or iPad app store by searching for "MESC" or [clicking here](#). We will also be live tweeting from the event. Follow [@CNSICorp](#) and join our conversation by using the hashtag #the2013mesc.

What to Expect at MESC 2013

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Accountable Care Organization (ACO): Supplying Data and Analytics to Drive Care Coordination, Accountability and

Consumer Engagement (September 10, 9:15 a.m.)

CNSI Chief Medical Officer Stephen B. Walker, M.D. will take part on this panel, which focuses on identifying common data and analytics to evaluate ACO performance in reducing costs and improving the quality of healthcare. The goal of ACOs is to provide coordinated care to ensure that patients get timely treatment, while avoiding duplicating services and saving health care dollars.

Care Management and Value Based Architecture for States (September 10, 3:00 p.m.)

Renee Bostick, Vice President of Health and Human Services at CNSI, will discuss care management technology on this panel. With three aims for “better health, better care and better costs,” panelists will focus on select care management capabilities that allow for seamless Medicaid enrollment and more efficient payment models. The panelists will also discuss the National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care (National Quality Strategy), which aligns public and private interests to improve the quality of health care for Americans.

Aside from these panels, conference participants will be discussing ways to eliminate healthcare fraud, modernize Medicaid IT and leverage current technological assets to promote long-term sustainability of health information exchange models.

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Taking Medicaid to the Cloud

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[CNSI](#) is an information technology and business process solutions provider that caters to the needs of federal, state and local government agencies. We help clients improve business performance and align IT with mission and business objectives improving the quality of systems and significantly reducing costs. This month, we [announced](#) an interstate partnership between Michigan and Illinois to develop a new platform that will reform their healthcare systems and save both states hundreds of millions of dollars. The Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) “Medicaid as a Service” is an automated real-time platform that enables the states to efficiently share resources while following their individual federally mandated operating rules. While CNSI has worked with Michigan on similar reform initiatives, this first-of-its-kind partnership gives Illinois a modernized solution that will give its [MMIS](#), which is more than 30 years old, a much-needed technological update. Illinois Chief Information Officer Sean Vinck [says](#), “This new, innovative alliance will meet Illinois’ MMIS modernization needs in an efficient, swift and cost effective way. This venture is an advanced solution for Illinois that we hope will be a national model for interstate collaboration and systems modernization.”

A few of the platform’s highlights:

- Positive 5-Year Outlook_ Estimates reveal this program will save the federal government and both states between 20 and 40 percent in operational costs over the next [five](#) years.
- Bipartisan: Michigan Governor Rick Snyder (R) and Illinois Governor Pat Quinn (D) [joined](#) forces to save

money for both states and provide a better, more efficient healthcare IT solution.

- Reduces Fraud – the streamlined system ensures a dramatic reduction in Medicaid [fraud](#) and ensures compliance with federal standards.
- With the introduction of new states to the cloud model, further cost reductions could be realized.

What do you think of the new cloud-based Medicaid Management Information System?

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Our expertise spans Healthcare, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security/Law Enforcement and Transportation sectors.

This blog will cover issues in information management and information technology as well as ways to align innovative

technology with business objectives. We encourage you to share your thoughts on the issues we cover in our comments section or with us on Twitter at [@CNSICorp](#).