Electronic Health Data Modernization

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Patients want lower healthcare costs, better health outcomes, more convenient interactions with their healthcare system, and better access to care.

Today, gathering electronic health records (EHRs) can require countless hours of tracking them down and making individual requests from providers. Big EHR vendors often make it difficult for patients to use third-party, innovative apps to collect such data.

The federal government's recent information blocking rules make it illegal for providers to deny a patient's request for records, but **corresponding federal enforcement has lagged behind**.

The EHR market is controlled by just a few prominent vendors. The lack of competition **hurts the market and delays technological innovation** for patients.

State law often **fails to provide parents access** to their children's health records.

THE SOLUTION

States should build on federal efforts to expedite and improve electronic health record interoperability and access to improve innovation and competition, resulting in improved care coordination and patient outcomes.

WHY IT MATTERS

The market can only foster improved outcomes if patients have better access to their health data and the ability to seamlessly transfer that data to whatever application, hospital, doctor, or insurer they choose to use.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Data modernization makes healthcare work better for patients, providers, payers, and innovators.