

eHealth

## National E-Health Strategy Developments

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Lead the uptake of e-health systems of national significance;  
and coordinate the progression and accelerate the adoption of e-health by delivering urgently needed integration infrastructure and standards for health information.

How do we get the health sector to the same point?

Smart policy making to drive the health sector past the tipping point



Coordinated implementation by the States and Territories



National E-Health Infrastructure Standards to support connectivity



Innovative Private Sector Solution which leverage the foundations



- Four strategic priorities:
- *Urgently develop the essential foundations required to enable e-health.*
- *Enable the progression of the priority e-health solutions and processes.*
- *Accelerate the adoption of e-health.*
- *Lead the progression of e-health in Australia.*

# 1. Build the foundations

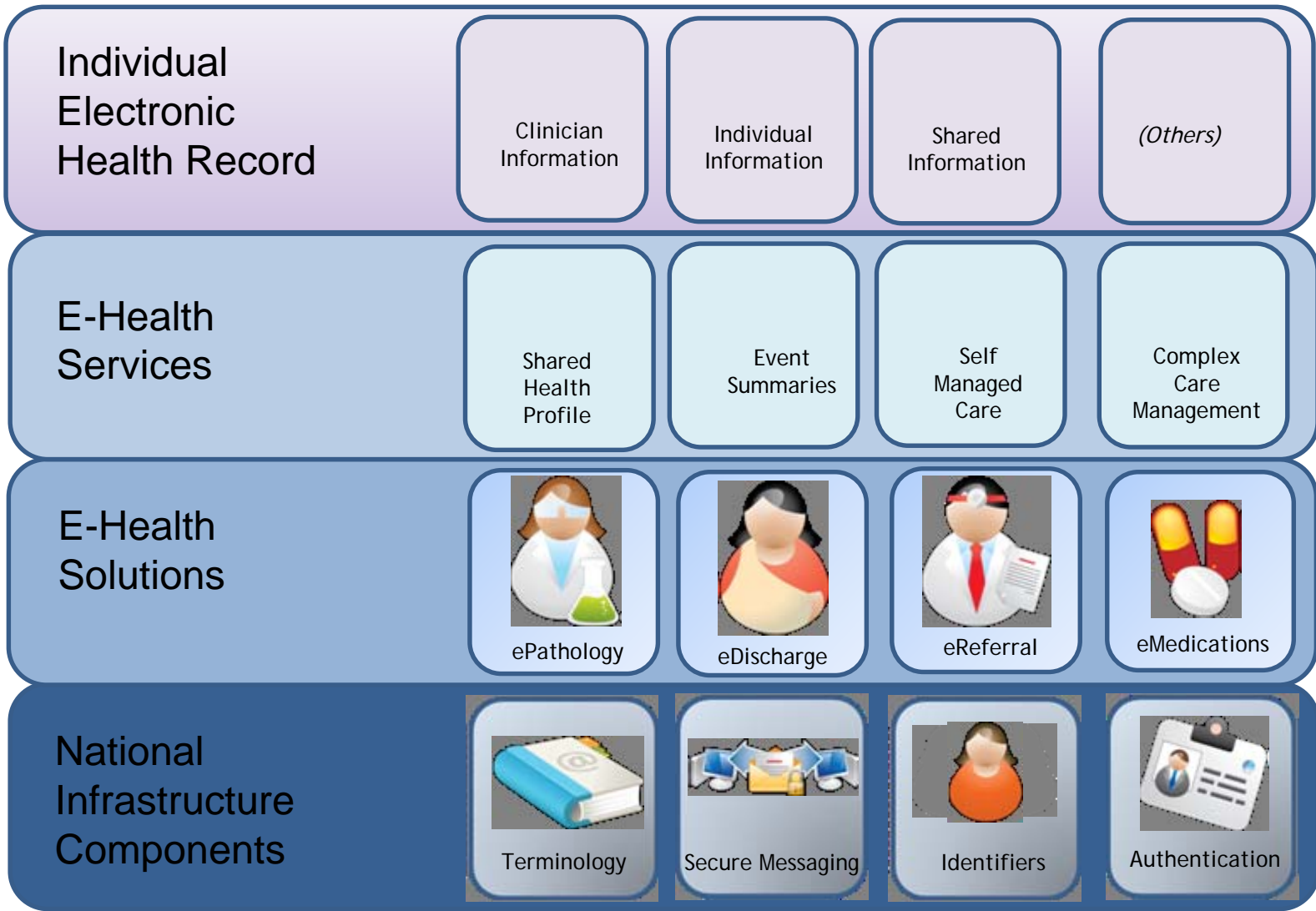
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- This priority stresses the need to deliver essential e-health services such as Unique Healthcare Identifiers, secure messaging, authentication, and clinical terminologies. These will form the backbone of Australia's e-health systems.

## 2. Priority solutions

*Enable the progression of the priority e-health solutions and processes.*

- Priorities include referrals and discharge, pathology and diagnostic imaging and medications management.



### 3. Accelerate adoption of e-health

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- It is critical to increase the awareness and uptake of e-health initiatives by the various stakeholder groups, through collaboration and communication programs, incentives and implementation support.

## 4. Lead the progression of e-health in Australia

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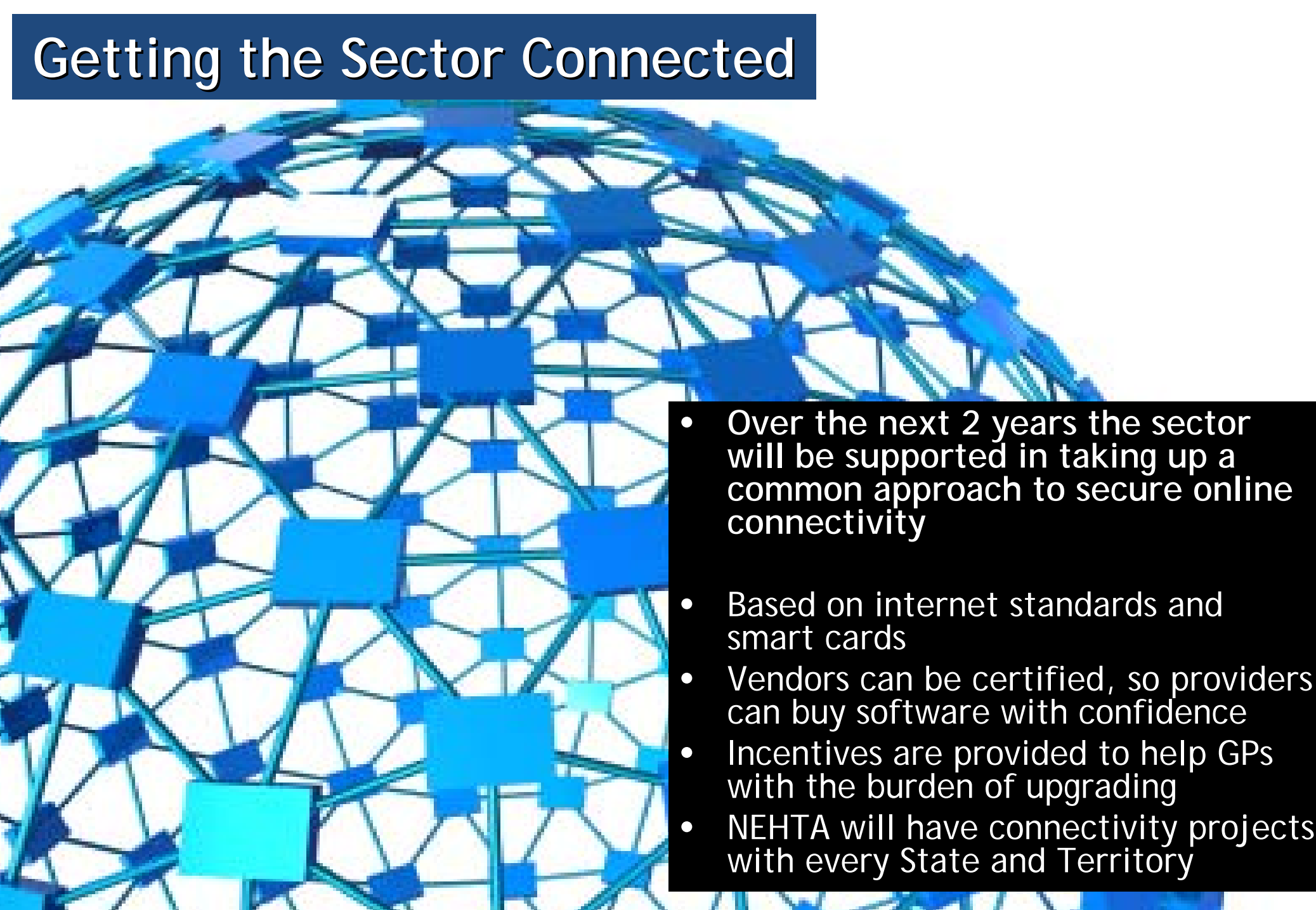
- This priority reflects that NEHTA has a significant role in informing the current and future state of e-health in Australia.

# New Identifiers



- New Identifiers for Individuals, Providers and Organizations
- Ensures that the right information is associated with the right person
- Operational July 2010
- Leverages Medicare

# Getting the Sector Connected

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- Over the next 2 years the sector will be supported in taking up a common approach to secure online connectivity
  - Based on internet standards and smart cards
  - Vendors can be certified, so providers can buy software with confidence
  - Incentives are provided to help GPs with the burden of upgrading
  - NEHTA will have connectivity projects with every State and Territory



What next?

The ability for the consumer to choose how and where their health records can be accessed

IEHR Business Case with  
COAG