

# Health IT Week Focuses on Innovation

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At a time when technological innovation is changing the future of the nation's healthcare system, it is important to stay informed about the latest technologies available to the industry, and platforms like HealthIT Week allow us to share intelligence from the past year with our colleagues in the industry. This year, CNSI was involved in the development of two very important initiatives that will save governments and consumers time and money, while simplifying the retrieval of Medicaid information.

## myHealthButton

This new mobile [app](#) provides Medicaid beneficiaries with instant, real-time access to their benefits. Users can view their Medicaid Health Card information, eligibility and coverage, as well as Food Benefits Balance information for the Women, Infants and Children program. More than half of adults are currently using [smartphones](#). The 56 percent figure jumped 21 percent in two years. It is crucial that the healthcare

industry continues to use mobile technology to better serve consumers.

Find our infographic detailing the benefits of the myHealthButton mobile app [here](#). You can also download it on your iPhone or Android phone.

### **Medicaid Management Information System partnerships**

CNSI has worked alongside Michigan and Illinois to set up a bi-partisan [partnership](#) that will allow the two governments to share one Medicaid Management Information System. The partnership will update Illinois' 30-year old system and save both states, and the federal government, millions of dollars. Using a cloud-based service, CNSI is providing Michigan and Illinois with a streamlined system that helps doctors connect with their patients in a new way.

### **Smarter Solutions**

At the National Health IT Week press conference in Washington, D.C., U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) noted that innovations in "Health IT are not only better for patients but critical for our country," as we seek smarter ways to efficiently manage the high state and federal costs of established healthcare systems. Sen. Sheldon was one of many legislators on hand touting the potential of health IT and we at CNSI were glad to see such astounding support in our nation's capital and in the many other cities that hosted Health IT events last week.

What innovative ways have you seen technology integrated into healthcare IT? Share with us in the comment section or on Twitter at [@CNSIcorp](#). To catch up on the Health IT conversation on Twitter, search the tag [#NHITWeek](#).