

# ***DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE*** **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN**

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## **Introduction**

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) developed the Information Technology Master Plan (ITMP) to promote the use of technology resources, improve the health services that are provided to the citizens of Maryland and provide technology guidance to departmental units. It also helps ensure that the Department follows a consistent and coordinated approach in accordance with statewide information technology objectives. In a time when information technology changes constantly, the ITMP is the Department's best effort to project the direction of its information technology efforts based on federal and State legislation, agency initiatives and current trends. Agency information technology staff continually plans for the future using best practice standards and the latest available knowledge to provide the citizens of Maryland with the best health services and information.