

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?