William “Bill” Phillips serves as sr. vice president/chief information officer for University Health System in San Antonio, Texas. Responsibilities include direction and oversight for the organization’s Information Technology division, including system operations, applications, strategy, planning and integration for University Hospital and the Health System’s network of outpatient locations across Bexar County.

Phillips has been with University Health System since 1981 and has held numerous management positions within its Information Systems division. He previously served as director of Operational Services, chief security officer and executive director/CIO before being appointed vice president/CIO in 2007.

He has led the organization through key healthcare transformations including the successful implementation of an Electronic Medical Record, system integration and other leading technologies. He also designed the IT for the new 6-story 268,000 square-foot outpatient building which opened on the Health System’s Robert B. Green Campus in early 2013, as well as the one million-square-foot hospital tower opening at University Hospital in 2014.

In 2008, under his leadership University Health System received several prestigious awards, including HIMSS Analytics EMR Stage 6, Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals, Health Care’s Most Wired by Hospitals and Health Networks (2008 – 2012), as well as the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives Transformational Leadership Award which was presented to Phillips and the Health Systems’ President and CEO. Additional recognition includes: Top 25 Most Connected Healthcare Facilities (2009 – 2011) by Health Imaging + IT Magazine, Top 500 Masters of Technology (2011, 2012) by Information Week and Top 250 Innovators (2012) by Information Week.

Phillips has been featured in several leading healthcare publications and is a frequently-invited speaker at national conferences. Phillips is the HIMSS San Antonio local chapter President and serves on several healthcare boards and advisory councils. He was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Board of Directors for the Texas Health Services Authority in 2011, which is responsible for coordinating the implementation of health information exchange strategic and operational plans for the State of Texas.