



## **Health Information Exchange in Washington State**

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### **Evergreen Hospital Medical Center and Puget Sound Family Physicians join the OneHealthPort HIE**

Good endings and great beginnings were the theme for the OneHealthPort HIE this past month. In late December Evergreen Hospital Medical Center joined the HIE trading partner community. Puget Sound Family Physicians joined in early January to get the New Year off to a great start.

*Evergreen Hospital Medical Center* - In the late 1960s, residents of northeast King County decided the best way to provide hospital services to their growing area was to form a public hospital district, much in the same way a fire district or a school district provides services. Voters approved King County Public Hospital District No. 2 in 1967, and their levy money was instrumental in building the original Evergreen General Hospital, which opened in 1972.

Evergreen Hospital Medical Center is the cornerstone of services provided by King County Public Hospital District No. 2. These include medical groups, home care, hospice and many community health programs.

*Puget Sound Family Physicians* - Puget Sound Family Physicians is comprised of four family care medical offices in Edmonds, Snohomish, Marysville, and Woodinville serving both King and Snohomish counties. This clinic system has over 40 physicians that strive to offer patients convenient, high-quality care supported by extensive use of their electronic medical record system.

With funding provided by a local hospital via federal Stark Law Relaxation legislation, Puget Sound Family Physicians participated in a project in 2008 working directly with other practices during all phases of the switch from paper-based to digital healthcare, advising each group's leadership and sharing best practices for clinical content and workflows.

Puget Sound Family Physicians is a member of GE Healthcare’s (Barrington, Ill) Medical Quality Improvement Consortium (MQIC), a service which allows healthcare organizations to submit de-identified patient data from Centricity EMR and then access quality outcomes reports – allowing an objective assessment of patient care quality at PSFP against established standards. Through participation in MQIC, all eligible providers at Puget Sound have achieved certification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance for their Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

### **OneHealthPort HIE Trading Partners**

The OneHealthPort HIE list of participating organizations represents a community of trading partners that are making preparations to exchange transactions. This information is included in each update and posted on the OneHealthPort [website](#). As organizations join the HIE they will be added so trading partners (and those interested in joining the HIE) know who is participating and what transactions they are prepared to exchange.

<b>OneHealthPort HIE Trading Partners January 2012</b>	<b>Data Transactions for Trading</b>
Washington State Health Care Authority - Medicaid	Transaction identification and analysis underway
PTSO of Washington	CCD
Group Health Cooperative	ADT and CCD
NorthShore Medical Group	HL7 laboratory results reports, immunization reporting
Virginia Mason Medical Center	ADT
PAML	HL7 laboratory results reports
Skyline Hospital	HL7 laboratory results reports
Memorial Physicians, PLLC	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Yakima Valley Farm Workers	CCD, immunization reporting
United General Hospital	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital	Transaction identification and analysis underway

Kadlec Regional Medical Center	CCD
Wenatchee Valley Medical Center	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Evergreen Hospital Medical Center	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Puget Sound Family Physicians	Transaction identification and analysis underway

### **Thinking outside the “transaction box” with the OneHealthPort HIE**

While the HIE today supports the secure exchange of many common electronic health information transactions, there are many other uses of the HIE that trading partners are beginning to explore. Several clinics are looking to the HIE as a method to facilitate referrals in their community through the use of a “community” referral form and the CCD. Other organizations are considering the OneHealthPort HIE as a “ready infrastructure” that can be used to support sharing of information and reports for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). The OneHealthPort HIE encourages trading partners to reach out to members of their medical community to begin sharing ideas about transactions to exchange, or ways to use the HIE to open a door of possibilities for the way information is shared today.

### **How do I find a trading partner on the HIE?**

The OneHealthPort HIE web page has an Entity Level Provider Directory (ELPD) for use in locating the identifiers, the OneHealthPort Organization Identifier (OrgID) and the Object Identifier (OID) enumeration, assigned to trading partners for transaction and document routing via the HIE. These routing IDs are used similar to a mailing address - enabling other trading partners to “address” their electronic transactions so they arrive safely and securely to the intended recipient. As the trading partner community grows, the HIE will also host a Practitioner Level Provider Directory (PLPD) in 2012. Additional information about this directory will be presented in the HIE updates in the months ahead.

During 2012 the OneHealthPort HIE will also host a Washington State Entity Level Provider Directory. This entity level directory will list *any organization* wishing to post the HIE or HIO they participate through and what transactions they are ready to send and receive. This directory will include routing addresses and technical contact information for each entity.

For questions about the HIE Provider Directory and identifiers assigned to trading partners please visit the new [web page](#). Information about the OID enumeration for the OneHealthPort HIE can be found in the [OID reference document](#).

### **More organizations looking to leverage the OneHealthPort HIE**

The OneHealthPort HIE team continues to provide information, participate in technical discussions, and coordinate conversations with trading partners as they explore their options for information exchange through the HIE. Overlake Hospital Medical Center, MultiCare Health System, Seattle Children's, Department of Health, Premera Blue Cross, Harrison Medical Center, Kennewick General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, First Choice Health Network, and Inland Imaging are several of the organizations exploring the best ways to leverage their technology investments through the HIE.

### **OneHealthPort HIE Meaningful Use Conformance Service**

OneHealthPort, the Washington State Health Care Authority's (Medicaid) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, and the Washington & Idaho Regional Extension Center (WIREC) are working together to finalize a proposed service for eligible professionals and hospitals to test and provide validation reporting for meaningful use requirements through the OneHealthPort HIE.

The EHR Incentive Program team (Medicaid) is currently finalizing validation requirements for the meaningful use objectives and reviewing the proposed testing service processes. The group is scheduled to meet again in late January to finalize details and plan implementation next steps. More information about this service will be communicated in the February HIE Update newsletter.

### **Health information exchange beyond Washington State**

In early February, OneHealthPort will be wrapping up work with the state HIE's of Alaska and Idaho, and the Beacon Community of the Inland Northwest (BCIN) to prepare a policy and technical connectivity agreement for HIE-to-HIE exchange. The policy and participation agreement will be reviewed and proposed for adoption.

The technical teams from these organizations are meeting the end of January to make final decisions about what transactions will initially be exchanged, the connectivity mechanism/s that will be used, and how trading partners will be discovered through

Provider Directories. Several opportunities to pilot the use of the agreement and to roll-out an HIE-to HIE connection using the agreed upon technical approach have been identified and are being planned following the adoption of the agreement.

OneHealthPort also participates with a larger group of Western States working with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to address HIE-to-HIE connections where the NwHIN Direct tools are being used. Policy documents and technical connectivity processes that result from the work with Alaska, Idaho, and the Beacon Community will be shared with this group.

### **OneHealthPort HIE prepares for CROWNWeb pilot on the NwHIN Exchange**

On January 30th, the National Renal Administrators' Association (NRAA) will begin participation in a pilot sponsored by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). The pilot will demonstrate submission of the CROWNWeb quality data report to CMS through the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN). This report contains clinical data for end stage renal dialysis patients that CMS will use to assess the quality of patient care. The pilot involves fourteen renal dialysis facilities across the country and will go through the end of March. The NRAA contracted with the OneHealthPort HIE in 2011 to obtain the NwHIN exchange participation approval and provide the technical infrastructure for this pilot. The OneHealthPort HIE will continue working with the NRAA for the national production "go live" of the CROWNWeb data quality reporting process in 2012.

### **Interested in learning more about the OneHealthPort HIE?**

The OneHealthPort HIE team is hosting webcasts during January, February, and March to provide information about the business value of joining and using the HIE to exchange electronic health information. The target audience for the business value webcast is leadership and administrative staff. Technical webcasts will also be held each month. These webcasts provide an implementation overview of the HIE – how it works and how to connect - and is targeted at information technology staff, consultants and the vendor community. The dates for the webcasts are listed below. To register for the webcasts, please use the following [link](#).

#### Business Value of the HIE

February 14, 10:00-11:00 a.m., PST

March 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m., PST

## Technical Implementation Overview of the HIE

February 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m., PST

March 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m., PST

### **For more information**

Visit the OneHealthPort [website](#).

### **Registration**

[Register](#) for the OneHealthPort HIE webcasts.

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