



Health Information Exchange Participation

Behavioral Health Care

ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Behavioral Health Organization established in 1961.

Organization Type: Quasi-municipality.

Services: Mental health therapy and services, 24/7 crisis programs.

Service Base: 250,000+ regional with four locations.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE USE:

Medication history: Review prescribed medications to determine future course. It is easy to research patients and validate whether another provider has prescribed a medication. Protection for the provider and the patient.

Avoid duplicative testing: Helpful in verifying recent test results, including expensive procedures such as CAT scans.

Treatment and management: Health care providers can quickly access their patients' data across disparate health care systems, reducing treatment delays and enhancing clinical decision making.

Quick patient history and treatment review: A list of facilities where the patient was seen, admit and discharge dates, lab results, procedures and diagnoses, current and past medications, allergies, chief complaints, visit notes, operation notes and the patients' primary care providers.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE EXPLAINED:

HIEs efficiently store patients health care information digitally and securely shares the information among physicians, nurses, and other health care providers in a timely manner.

HIE utilization may improve patient care coordination and transitions of care by allowing access to patients' most recent test results, procedures, diagnosis, medications, allergies and more.

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Utilizing the health information exchange to pre-assess patients with appointments for psychotic diagnosis interviews (PDI's):

"The HIE helps us track allergies, medications, recent provider visits, and medical records. It's helpful because there are times when the patient is incapable of recalling what meds they are taking and physicians they have seen in the past."

Pat Harris, LPN, 5 years

"Having access to the health information exchange helps with gathering data about our clients existing and past health histories and treatment to inform clinical decisions, coordinate care among providers. We can minimize duplicative testing and treatment and increase the efficiency of care. The overarching goal is to holistically improve the safety and quality of care our clients receive."

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