



Participant Newsletter

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Dear Participant,

Welcome to the May edition of the Mass HIway Newsletter. Refer a colleague to sign up for the Newsletter on our website at www.masshiway.net.

If you have a question or topic you'd like covered in our Newsletter, contact us at masshiway@state.ma.us.

Mass League of CHCs: From EHR Use to information Exchange for Community Health

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' partnership with the Mass HIway was highlighted by [EHR Intelligence](#) and [PR Web](#). The aim is to leverage the Mass HIway to connect its 49 member sites to enable seamless exchange of data across the spectrum of clinical specialties offered by the member Centers.

By using the Mass HIway to connect member Centers with each other and with other providers, the goal of the Mass League of CHCs is to ease care coordination and improve quality for patients, no matter where they receive care.

Mass HIway Regulations Update

Mass HIway regulations are being developed to clarify two sections of MGL Chapter 118I:

- Section 7 [Provider must connect]: "All providers in the commonwealth shall implement fully interoperable electronic health records systems that connect to the statewide health information exchange" by January 1, 2017
- Section 11 [Opt-in/opt-out]: "Any plan approved by the executive office shall establish a mechanism to allow patients to opt-in to the health information exchange and to opt-out at any time"

It is anticipated that connection requirements will be phased in over a number of years, with the initial focus on hospitals and larger ambulatory practices. Draft regulations are expected to be presented for public comment later this year. The Mass Hlway team will keep the community updated.

CMS/ONC State Medicaid Letter 2/29

On February 29th, CMS/ONC issued a [letter to State Medicaid Directors](#) announcing potential expansion of funding scope for HIEs.

What it means:

- With approval, Medicaid HITECH funds can be used to support non- Meaningful Use eligible Medicaid providers to effectively use the HIE if it will help an eligible provider meet Meaningful Use Stage 2/3.
- Supported activities including onboarding to the HIE and HIE architecture and interoperability enhancement.

What to know:

- Funds cannot be used to support purchase, implementation, or supplementation of functionality of EHR systems.
- Non eligible providers are still non eligible providers in the Meaningful Use program.
- All activities are subject to prior CMS approval.
- State still has to match funds at 90/10 rate.
- Funding must connect Medicaid providers to EPs and help the EP meet MU Stage 2/3. State must first map specific MU measures to HIE use, and describe activities to support trading partners.
- Benchmarks and implementation metrics must be defined and approved by CMS.
- Process of data reporting must be defined, approved, and implemented.

It is an exciting opportunity that can enhance interoperability, but will take advance planning, and CMS application review and approval.

The Mass Hlway is in further review of the opportunity and will keep the community informed.

Provider Directory Update

Mass Hlway is working to improve the process and experience of providers onboarding to the HIE. Part of this includes improvements to updating the provider directory. Currently, participants need to manually update and submit an excel document to start the process of uploading providers into the directory (for more on this, visit: www.masshiway.net).

The new process still in development will remove any manual data validation and be all electronic. The Mass Hlway will notify participants when this new process is available.

In the meantime, visit <http://www.masshiway.net/HPP/Services/ProviderDirectory/index.htm> for instructions on how to keep your provider directory entries updated.

Also, to make sure you are getting the current provider directory extract files, contact us at MassHlwaySupport@state.ma.us.

Mass Hlway Performance Metrics

Mass Hlway continues to maintain stability of service standards. Our goal is to hold total monthly availability of at least 99.9% (downtime no more than ~44 minutes/month).

Monthly availability as follows:

- Jan 98.52%
- Feb 100%
- Mar 99.92%
- Apr 99.98%

Emergencies and maintenance periods happen. If you have any questions or if you do not receive any downtime notifications, contact us at MassHlwaySupport@state.ma.us.

Participants & Activity Update

4,910,774 Transactions exchanged between 2/21-3/20/2016.

Over 650 organizations enrolled. For a full list of Participants, click [here](#).

New Participants in November- February

Anthony E. Breglio, D.M.D
Bass River Pediatrics
BJD Pediatrics
Cape Ann Medical Center, LLC
Cape Ann Pediatricians PC
Charles River Pediatrics
Child Health Associates
Commonwealth Pediatrics
Dedham Medical
Dermatology Associates of Concord
Dr. Yolanda Lenzy, MD, MPH
Exceptional Health
Falmouth Women's Health
Garden City Pediatric Associates
Granite Medical
Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates
Highland Pediatrics
Macony Pediatrics
Marion Pediatrics
New England Hand Associates PC.
Newton Pediatrics
Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc.
Pediatric Associates of Greater Salem
Pediatric Health Care Associates
Pediatric Healthcare Associates
Pediatricians Inc.
Pediatrics West
Plymouth Dermatology Associates, PC
Quest Diagnostics Chantilly
QUEST DIANOSTICS Marlboro
Rhode Island Department of Health

Shriners Hospitals for Children
 South Shore Medical Center
 Steven R. Kanner MD, LLC (Orchard Healthcare)
 Sudbury Podiatry
 Surgi-Care, Inc.
 Weston Primary Care
 Woburn Pediatrics
 Worcester Dermatology Associates, P.C.
 Worcester Eye Consultants P.C.

New Participant Connections in November- February:

Amherst Pediatrics
 Abington Pediatrics
 BJD Pediatrics
 Bass River Pediatrics
 Blue Hills Medical Associates (HermesIQ)
 Bolton Street Pediatrics P.C.
 Cambridge Health Alliance
 Chelmsford Pediatrics
 Child Health Associates
 Commonwealth Pediatrics
 Dedham Medical
 Dermatology Associates of Concord
 Dr. Yolanda Lenzy, MD, MPH
 Dracut Family Healthcare
 Drumhill Pediatrics
 Fairview Pediatrics
 Falmouth Women's Health
 Garden City Pediatric Associates
 Granite Medical
 Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates
 Highland Pediatrics
 Lowell Community Health Center
 Macony Pediatrics
 Merrimack Valley Pediatrics
 Milton Orthopedic Sports and Physical Therapy
 Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine
 Pediatric Associates of Fall River, Inc
 Pediatric Associates of Greater Salem
 Pediatric Health Care Associates
 Pediatric Healthcare Associates
 Pediatric Healthcare At Newton Wellesley
 Pediatrics West
 Plymouth Dermatology Associates, PC
 QUEST DIANOSTICS Marlboro
 QUEST DIANOSTICS NICHOLS
 Rainbow Pediatrics / Northend Medical Associates
 Rhode Island Department of Health
 Seven Hills Behavioral Health
 SMOC Behavioral Health Services
 South Shore Medical Center
 Steven R. Kanner MD, LLC (Orchard Healthcare)
 Surgi-Care, Inc.
 Weston Primary Care
 Woburn Pediatrics
 Worcester Dermatology Associates, P.C.

HISPs Enrolled (Connection in Process)

ASP.md
eClinicalWorks Plus
Care 360

HISP Connections

Allscripts (MedAllies HISP)
Aprima
Athenahealth
CareAccord
CareConnect (NetSmart HISP)
Cerner
DataMotion
eClinicalWorks
eLINC
EMR Direct
Inpriva
MaxMD
McKesson (RelayHealth)
Medicity
MyHealthProvider (Mercy Hospital)
NextGen Share
NHHIO
SES
Surescripts
UpDox
Wellport (Lumira HISP)

DPH Connections: Click [here](#) for a complete listing of DPH registries connected to the Mass HIway.

Mass HIway Webinars and Other Events

- **On demand resources coming soon:**
 - Mass HIway Provider Directory Overview webinar: Thursday May 5th.
 - Mass HIway LAND Selection, Set Up, and Use webinar: Thursday May 19th,
- **NEW!** On demand resources posted [here](#).
 - April 2016- Mass HIway for Connection to the DPH
 - March 2016- Utilizing Mass HIway in Long Term and Post Acute Care
 - February 2016- Mass HIway Update
- Visit [MeHI's event calendar](#) for other industry events.

In the News

- Health Information Exchange Market by Set Up Type, Type, Implementation Model, Application, Solution Type and End User- Global Forecast to 2020. [PR Newswire](#).
- Managing EHR Optimization in the Absence of Physician Champions. [EHR Intelligence](#).
- CMS modernizes Medicaid managed care regulations, putting focus on improved health data exchange. [Healthcare IT News](#).

- LOCAL: Study Cautions eHealth Records May Feature Important Gaps. [22 News WWLP.com](#)
- LOCAL Report: (registration applies) Sharing Behavioral Health Information in Massachusetts: Obstacles and Potential Solutions. [Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP](#)
- Vermont to employ Google Ventures-backed PatientPing to coordinate care. [Healthcare IT News](#).
- Mass. General Implements Epic EHR to Boost Interoperability. [EHR Intelligence](#).
- To avoid consumer privacy issues, user empowerment is a must. [Tech Target](#).
- Bringing Epic EHR to the Post-Acute Space at Spaulding. [EHR Intelligence](#).
- Doc: HIEs on a 'promising path toward success'. [Fierce EMR](#).

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