



Joint Statement on Health Information Exchange in Southern New Mexico

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The New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC) and PHIX (formerly the Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange) are committed to working together in southern New Mexico and west Texas.

Patients from southern New Mexico seek health care in other regions of New Mexico as well as west Texas. Likewise, patients residing in west Texas are often treated in New Mexico. Our goal is to ensure that hospitals, providers, and patients benefit from interoperable data exchange across these regions. This interoperability will give area hospitals and providers a more complete picture of each patient's health.

NMHIC and PHIX are currently in discussions to formalize a relationship. In the meantime, we welcome any feedback or ideas from stakeholders in southern New Mexico and west Texas.

About NMHIC

The New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC), staffed and operated by the non-profit LCF Research, has created a data sharing exchange and portal that will allow New Mexico's health care professionals quick access to patient history – including surgeries, allergies, problem list, notes and encounter data. This will allow for more-informed medical decisions, better health outcomes and improved population health over time. NMHIC uses a powerful Orion Health population health platform that includes technology solutions for interoperability, population health management and precision medicine.

NMHIC has been a state leader in healthcare information technology initiatives for over a decade. Current participants includes hospitals, provider groups, NM Medicaid and commercial payer organizations, laboratories, a statewide diagnostic imaging organization, a pharmacy, and public health. The organization is recognized by the New Mexico Department of Health as its agent for hospital public health reporting.

For more information on NMHIC, please contact Dr. Thomas East at (505) 938-9901 or thomas.east@nmhic.org and visit our website www.nmhic.org.

About PHIX

PHIX was founded in 2010, through the collaboration of the major healthcare organizations in the greater El Paso area. The mission of the 501c3 nonprofit organization is to improve health through collaboration and data technology. PHIX has developed a Community Health Record that centralizes patient data from hospitals and providers. This centralized record gives providers a more complete view of each patient's health. PHIX is also supporting physician practices in creating quality dashboards to manage their patients, optimize the use of their EHR technology, and navigate complex regulations, reporting requirements, and security standards.

Major partners of PHIX include: City of El Paso Department of Public Health, El Paso County Medical Society, El Paso First Health Plans, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, The Hospitals of Providence, and University Medical Center of El Paso. Additional, PHIX is working toward exchanging data with Veteran's Administration and the Department of Defense.

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