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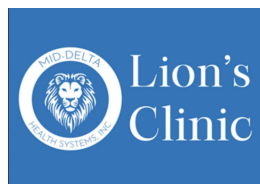
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SHARE Welcomes Our New Connections!



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We Are One Community Health and Wellness Expo

April 4, 2025
Lee Senior High
Marianna, AR

2025 ArHIMA Annual Conference

April 24-25, 2025
Chenal Event Venue
Little Rock, AR

NWA Health Summit

May 21, 2025
Fayetteville Town Center
Fayetteville, AR

AMS 150th Anniversary Celebration

May 30-31, 2025
Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, AR



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HIT News

Health Data Utility as Public Health Capability: Arkansas SHARE Case Study

By Alan Katz of Civitas Networks for Health

Over the past decade, a combination of federal, state, and private-sector investment has rapidly transitioned Arkansas' health data infrastructure from legacy paper formats to electronic health record (EHR) platforms now present in over 90% of outpatient physician practices and 96% of the acute care hospitals in the state. To help manage and further advance this transition in public interest, the Arkansas State Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE) was established as the state's official health information exchange (HIE) by a 2011 statute. Now under the Arkansas Department of Health, SHARE has steadily worked to broaden its statewide capabilities beyond point-to-point clinical data sharing to reduce barriers within and between public health agencies to maximize efficiency and improve outcomes. In doing so, it has become one of the nation's leading functional examples of the health data utility (HDU) model.

The transformation of SHARE from a traditional Health Information Exchange (HIE) to a fully operational Health Data Utility (HDU) marks a watershed moment in Arkansas' journey toward modernizing its public health infrastructure. This evolution is not merely a technological upgrade—it represents a strategic overhaul aimed at creating a dynamic, data-centric ecosystem that connects healthcare providers, public health agencies, and community services in unprecedented ways.

At its core, SHARE's transition underscores the power of statewide interoperability. By linking diverse data systems and fostering public-private partnerships, Arkansas has built a robust framework that ensures critical health information is accessible and actionable. This seamless integration supports real-time data sharing across multiple sectors, allowing for rapid responses to public health emergencies and enhancing day-to-day care coordination. In practical terms, the digitization of registries and the enhanced integration of EMS data have filled longstanding gaps in data accessibility, resulting in more coordinated and efficient public health responses.

Looking ahead, as SHARE continues to expand its capabilities and integrate even more deeply with public health and social services, it is setting a national benchmark for systemic modernization. Its holistic approach demonstrates the potential for HDU functionality to drive systemic change. By harnessing comprehensive data to inform decision-making, SHARE is helping to create a more resilient and responsive healthcare ecosystem, one that not only addresses immediate public health needs but also lays the groundwork for long-term improvements in care coordination and community well-being. For more information visit: <https://sharearkansas.com/>.

Success Story

Enhancing Healthcare Connectivity with SHARE at Progressive Health of Helena

The Arkansas Delta, known for its rural landscape and limited access to specialized healthcare services, has long faced challenges in ensuring that patients receive timely and effective medical attention. Progressive Health of Helena, however, has made it their mission to bridge these gaps. The hospital's integration with SHARE, along with the Helena Medical Group's Athena EMR system, represents a transformative shift in healthcare delivery. This dual integration allows for a more seamless exchange of health information between providers, ensuring that patients receive the best care possible.

"Our partnership with SHARE HIE is a game-changer for rural healthcare in the Arkansas Delta. By integrating our EMR's with SHARE, we're breaking down barriers to patient information, ensuring our providers have real-time access to critical health data. This collaboration allows us to deliver more coordinated, efficient, and high-quality care to the communities we serve," said Justin Pope, Administrator of Progressive Health of Helena.

Benefits to Patients and Healthcare Providers

For patients in the Arkansas Delta, this integration means their health information is no longer siloed. When they seek care at Progressive Health of Helena, their providers can instantly access their medical history, past diagnoses, and medications from multiple sources—including Helena Medical Group's Athena EMR and other healthcare facilities connected to SHARE HIE. This comprehensive view of a patient's health reduces the risk of medication interactions, duplicate tests, and treatment delays

while promoting a more coordinated and holistic approach to care.

For healthcare providers, this integration enhances efficiency. By linking the TruBridge and Athena EMR systems to SHARE HIE, clinicians spend less time on administrative tasks and more time focused on patient care. The hospital staff can now access up-to-date health records from local physicians, specialists, and other healthcare facilities, ensuring that treatment plans are based on the most accurate and comprehensive data available.

"Seamless access to patient health information is essential for improving outcomes and reducing healthcare disparities in rural areas. Through SHARE HIE, our team can make more informed decisions, enhance patient safety, and streamline care transitions. This integration is a major step forward in advancing the quality and continuity of care at Progressive Health of Helena," said Janice Pryor, Chief Quality Officer, Risk Manager, and Infection Preventionist of Progressive Health of Helena.

Future of Expanded Collaboration

Progressive Health of Helena's commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology with compassionate care is a win for the entire region. By utilizing SHARE HIE to connect both the hospital's TruBridge EMR and Helena Medical Group's Athena EMR, the facility is improving healthcare interoperability and setting a standard for rural healthcare providers across Arkansas.