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Letter from the Director

Hospital readmissions are costly and continue to be a problem in Arkansas. Hospitals are being monitored and penalized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) if their readmission rates are deemed too high.

A recent article suggests health information exchange (HIE) can be used to enhance quality measures targeted by the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program and possibly broader policy goals.

Today, SHARE assists to reduce readmissions by sending real time readmission notices to 55 of our 71 connected hospitals.

Soon we will be including this notice to primary care physicians to assist with value-based program quality outcomes.

Curbing hospital readmissions takes a collaborative approach from both the hospital and primary care. SHARE is assisting providers and hospitals by risk stratifying their patients and potentially preventing readmissions from occurring.

Some of our participants have taken it a step further and are using admission, discharge and transfer (ADT) data and integrating them with their predictive analytics tool in order to forecast potential readmission events.

If you are a connected hospital and you are not currently receiving readmission notices, contact us today and we will get you set up.



Sincerely,

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(HMO-POS)
A Superior Select Health Plan



CONWAY REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM
Conway Regional Infectious Disease Clinic



Magnolia
Regional Medical Center
Magnolia Family Medical Center

Superior Select
Local Health Units
Health Plans

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To hope and healing.

Tribute
(HMO-POS SNP)
A Superior Select Health Plan

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SHARE and HASA Health Information Organization are now connected HIE to HIE through SHIEC



The Arkansas health information exchange (HIE), SHARE is now connected to HASA Health Information Organization.

Through this connection SHARE and HASA are now exchanging admission, discharge and transfer (ADT) notifications for patients who live in Arkansas and Texas. In the future, Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) will be exchanged based on the patient's home of record.

This announcement comes after the two HIEs successfully exchanged ADTs via the Patient Centered Data Home Initiative (PCDH), as both HIEs are members of the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC). This is an important achievement to the benefit of patients in both states.

This connection with HASA will assist in improved transitions of care for patients who cross the state line. Our collaboration as neighboring states will help providers and hospitals better communicate with one another and better coordinate patient care while assisting in reducing hospital readmissions regardless of state borders.

Natural disasters, like flooding and tornadoes in Arkansas and Texas, present challenges to health systems and providers not only in areas directly impacted, but also to those in neighboring regions who treat patients displaced by the disaster.

One of the greatest issues is access to patient records. HIEs are playing a key role in transmitting patient data when and where providers need it most.

In the near future, through this connection, both HIEs will be able to seamlessly deliver patient health information like CCDs to include demographics, laboratory results, radiology reports, progress reports and discharge summaries across each state's border based on the patient's home of record through the PCDH initiative.

“As the health care landscape continues to transform, HIEs may play a pivotal part in providing data that fuels innovation nationwide. SHARE and HASA are working together to contribute to these efforts such as improving population health, assisting in values based programs, natural disasters and assisting with payer relations, among other efforts,” says Anne Santifer, Executive Director, SHARE.

“It is a great milestone for both SHARE and HASA and we're happy to implement a solution that allows health care providers and hospitals to connect across state borders and in the future be able to query for a patients' results in the format of a CCD in a HIPAA compliant secure environment.”

Robert Harris, IT Director of HASA.

Success Story

SHARE is partnering with Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic to improve specialized pediatric care.



The State Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE) is proud to partner with Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic, which is now sending data to Arkansas' only Statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE).

Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic offers easy access to complete pediatric health care. Northeast Arkansas has the third-largest concentration of children in the state with approximately 36 children per square mile.

Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic saves approximately 700,000 minutes of patient travel time to Arkansas Children's in Little Rock each year.

Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic wants healthier kids in Northeast Arkansas. Their 18-specialty clinic offers a full-time neurologist and cardiologist, so patients have easy access to specialty care from doctors who are focused on caring for kids.

This kind of dedicated, specialized pediatric care can make all the difference for Arkansas families.

Arkansas Children's Jonesboro Clinic is sending Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) that include:

- Admission, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) Information
- Laboratory Results
- Radiology Reports
- Pathology Reports
- Allergies
- Vitals
- Progress Notes
- Discharge Summaries

18+ Specialties in one location

- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Audiology
- ✓ Cardiology
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Endocrinology
- ✓ Electrophysiology
- ✓ Fetal Cardiology
- ✓ General Surgery
- ✓ Genetic Disorders
- ✓ Nuerology
- ✓ Nephrology
- ✓ Neurosurgery
- ✓ Orthopedics
- ✓ Otolaryngology (ENT)
- ✓ Rehabilitation & Therapy
- ✓ Sleep Medicine
- ✓ Speech Pathology
- ✓ Urology