

Funding Available to Join Health Information Exchange



Colorado Care Connections Program

Your practice or hospital may be eligible to participate in this program that expands health information exchange in Colorado.

- **CORHIO implementation fee waived** (\$5,000-\$15,000 value) to join the CORHIO network and receive patient results from hospitals and labs across the state.
- **Choose your products** - use the funding for the products that work for your organization, including PatientCare 360®, which is our web-based portal for patient data, Results Delivery, which delivers patient results directly to your EHR, and Notifications, which are clinical data alerts based on your patient panel
- **An incentive (up to \$5,000)** when your practice/hospital is successfully sending clinical documents, such as care summaries or CCDs, into the HIE within one year—see reverse for more information
- **Upgraded HIE capabilities** for current CORHIO participants, including Clinical Document Exchange and Notifications

Why join the CORHIO Health Information Exchange?

- Patient data from all major health systems in Colorado, including Denver Health, UCHealth, Centura, Banner, HealthONE, SCL Health, Kaiser Permanente and Department of Defense — no need to call hospitals to request information or log onto a separate system (direct results delivery available)
- Laboratory and pathology results; radiology reports and images; hospital facesheets and admission, discharge and transfer information; transcription notes and medical histories for your new patients
- Care summaries from providers throughout the state/out of your network
- Opportunity to send your care summaries into the Health Information Exchange to improve patient care

Care Summary Exchange With CORHIO

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Part of the Colorado Care Connections Program includes Care Summary Exchange, where participants can send their encounter care summaries into the HIE for other providers to access. Care summaries are often called Continuity of Care Documents, or CCDs. Here is a brief overview of CCDs and how they can benefit your organization.

What is a CCD?

CCD is a generic term for an electronically generated, patient-specific clinical summary document. CCDs are sometimes called a few different names – Continuity of Care Document, Summary of Care Document, Summarization of Episode Note. The purpose of a CCD is to improve communication between healthcare providers during a transition of care – when a patient is being referred to another provider or coming back to their normal provider after a hospital stay, for example. CCDs are generated out of a provider’s electronic health record (EHR) system.

What information is in a CCD?

- Patient demographics
- Patient history
- Medications
- Allergies
- Procedures
- Encounters
- Problem lists
- Diagnosis
- Lab results
- Immunizations
- Health risk factors

CCDs can also include advance directives, family history, social history and insurance information.

What are the benefits of CCD exchange?

CCD exchange can reduce staff time spent gathering patient clinical information during transitions of care and increase the available information in emergency settings. CCDs generally expand the clinical information available to community providers and give them more details on the care patients received at outside facilities. Combined with existing medication, imaging and lab data being shared from hospitals and labs, CCDs may give providers the additional clinical data needed at the point of care.

Is CORHIO helping providers exchange CCDs?

Yes, we have the technology to take in CCDs from electronic health records. We have an exciting opportunity available for qualified practices to receive financial assistance in sending CCDs into the CORHIO HIE. You can earn an incentive (up to \$5,000) when your practice/hospital is successfully sending clinical documents, such as care summaries or CCDs, into the HIE within one year (see reverse).

“A lot of times, patients don’t know what information to translate to the provider -- what’s relevant for us to know to continue their care. So prior to a patient coming in, we review recent care summaries, problem lists, notes, ER visits, labs and any quality measures so we know if they’re up to date. The information and documents in CORHIO are easily digestible and really help with continuity of care.”

—Vanessa Flores, Practice Manager, HealthLogicMD