

# Health Information Exchange (HIE) Pilot Project Update

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## **Agenda**

- Definition of HIE
- Pilot HIE Project
- Pilot Initiatives
- Activities to date
- Lessons learned

# Health Information Exchange (HIE)

Sharing of health care information electronically across organizations within a region, community or hospital system.

The goal of an HIE is to improve access to and quality of health care.

## **Pilot HIE Project**

## Pilot HIE Project Participants

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
- Billings Clinic
- RiverStone Health
- St. Vincent Healthcare

### **Pilot Project Objectives**

- Improve patient care in community by ensuring all patients have their complete record available when they seek care.
- Enhance the Billings Alliance's community-based healthcare services coordination.
- Establish basic information sharing capabilities built around a well-defined scope of clinical and quality improvement data use cases.
- Create a governance structure to guide pilot project.
- Bring healthcare organizations together to utilize health information in meaningful ways to improve community care.
- Found an initial governance team for a future statewide Health Information Organization (HIO).
- Model an organizational, technological and sustainability framework for a Montana HIO.
- Lead state stakeholders in Montana HIO development process.

### **Pilot Project Principles**

- All pilot project participants are equal
- Pilot project governance decisions require unanimous consensus
- No one organization will assume "ownership" of the pilot project
- All pilot organizations will invest necessary resources to achieve project objectives

Building a public highway, not a private driveway

## Pilot Project Approach

- BCBSMT will provide project management support
- Governance Team kicked off the project, establishing scope and finalizing objectives
- Workgroups meet to accomplish defined objectives
- Governance team touch base monthly to review, amend or approve workgroup recommendations
- BCBSMT project team provides status updates for all workgroups

## Scope of Pilot

- Alliance members agreed on following pilot initiatives:
  - Provider Portal Complete medical record available at the point of care
  - Super Utilizer High utilizers of Healthcare in Billings Community
  - 5 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) measures across all organizations

## **Pilot Workgroups**

- Executive Team
- Clinical Workgroup
- Quality Improvement Workgroup
- Technology Workgroup
- Privacy and Security Workgroup
- Business and Financial Workgroup
- Project Management Workgroup

## **Pilot Initiatives Projects**

- Provider Portal
- Super Utilizer
- Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) measures across all organizations

#### **Provider Portal**

 Web facing access to cross-community data that has been contributed by participating members and stored in the data warehouse for point of care treatment purposes accessible by relevant clinical providers

#### **Provider Portal**

- Patient Matching review validation underway
- Clinical Data review validation underway

## Super Utilizers Criteria

#### Within a <u>6 month</u> time frame, Patients with:

- 2 or more Inpatient Admissions
- 2 or more Observation Room stays
- 3 or more ED visits
- 6 or more Urgent Care visits

#### **Data Analytics:**

Data collection will start from 1/1/14 to current (calendar year)

- First Name
- Last Name
- Gender
- Age
- Zip Code
- Ethnicity
- Primary Provider

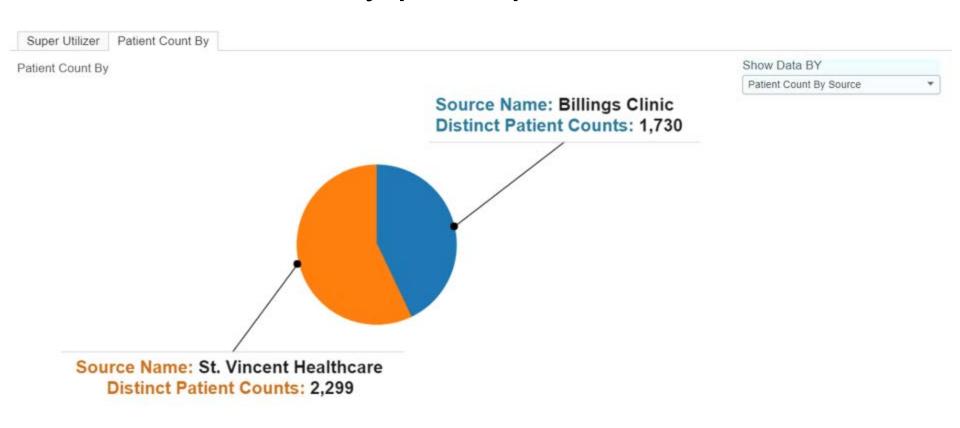
#### **Utilization Data:**

All visits and sort by date of service in ascending order

- Date of Service
- POS
- Type of Service
- Diagnosis
- Charge
- Service provider
- Psych/social notes
- Medication (if available)
- Referral notes
- Payer
- Medicare #

### Super Utilizer

In validation by participants



## **Quality Measures**

- PCMH Measures across all organizations
  - Controlling high blood pressure
  - Rate of fully immunized 3 year old children
  - Screening for clinical depression- specification review underway
  - Tobacco use July
  - Diabetes July

#### **Activities to Date**

- Legal Contracts and Agreements have been completed
- Governance established common set of behaviors, policies and standards to enable trusted exchange among participants
- Policies and Procedures Developed and established across all participating organizations
- Data Restrictions defined
- 12M messages sent
- 2 Years backload complete
- Live feeds established and passing data
- BCBS to have 1<sup>st</sup> round of claims data sent by Feb 20 (Live feed) and to be followed by 4 year backload by March 20.

## Legal

- Attorneys for Billings Clinic and St. Vincent participated in contract process.
  - Subscription Agreement (between each individual site and Verinovum (software vendor))
  - Participation Agreement (between Billings Clinic, RiverStone Health and St. Vincent Healthcare)
  - Data Participation Agreement (between BCBSMT and all participants)

Contracts refer to policies and procedures that all must adhere to.

#### **Policies and Procedures**

- Notice of Privacy Policy (NOPP)
- Procedure to Opt Out
- Who can print or distribute data
- Patient Rights and Preferences
  - Patient Preferences
  - Patient HIPAA Request for Restrictions
  - Privacy Complaints and Concerns
  - Accounting of Disclosures
  - Amendment of Data
- Data Privacy Safeguards
  - Minimum Necessary Access
  - Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)
  - Audit Reporting
  - User Access to Systems Containing Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Data Security Safeguards
  - HIE Systems Protection of Data Confidentiality
  - HIE Systems Protection of Data Integrity
  - HIE systems Protection of Data Availability
- Security Incidents and Response
  - Breach Response
  - Privacy Incidents or Security Incidents

## **Data Being Contributed**

- Data types included:
  - Admissions, discharges, transfers
  - Demographic data
  - Administrative data (payer, etc.)
  - Medications prescribed/dispensed
  - Lab test results
  - Vital signs
  - Allergies
  - Procedures
  - Providers
  - Social history
  - Family history
  - Problems
  - Plan of Care

- Clinical Documents
  - Discharge summaries
  - H&P's
  - Operative notes
  - Consultation notes
  - Progress notes
  - Nursing notes (suitable for transitions of care)
  - Diagnostic testing reports
     (colonoscopy bronchoscopy, etc.)
  - Other as available

#### **Patient Data Restrictions**

- Notes and transcription for:
  - Behavioral Health
  - Inpatient Psych
  - Facial Plastics
- Legally Secured Charts
- Confidential Patients
- Restricted Patients
- High Risk Patient Charts
- Sexual Assault Nurse Exame (SANE) patients
- Affiliations
  - Lab Reference Clients
  - Occupational Health

#### **Current State**

- Validation continues.
- Issues resolution underway:
  - 11 Critical Items: 8 assigned to participants, 3 to Verinovum
  - 12 High items: 11 assigned to participants, 1 to Verinovum
- Go-live tentatively scheduled for 5/1/2018 pending resolution of issues.

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Legal efforts took far longer than expected.
- Backload extractions took months to extract data off legacy systems.
- Patient matching complex across three participants.
- Review of patient data arduous.
- Variability in data formats allowed slowing down mappings and validation.
- Verinovum growing with us.
  - Super Utilizer custom development for Montana Pilot
  - PCMH Measures custom development for Montana Pilot

#### **Positives**

- Competitors to each other are coming together to share data to improve the care in the Billings Community.
- Technology platform is being proven.
- We are demonstrating that an Health Information Exchange (HIE) in Montana can be accomplished – Proof of Concept.
- Others organizations interested in sending their data rather than wait for State HIE to be stood up.
- Shift from concern of others viewing our data to finding additional use cases to leverage the combined shared data.
- Frequent discussions on "How the HIE can be leveraged to better the outcomes for patients both in cost of care and quality of care".