

Iowa HIMSS Health Information Exchange (HIE) Interest Group

What is HIE? Health Information Exchange (HIE) is the electronic movement of health-related information among organizations utilizing nationally recognized standards and policies. Nationally, HIEs have gained increasing momentum as new federal funding and support was provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

There are multiple types of organizations involved in HIE and a variety of governance models, including:

- State-led HIE efforts
- State-sponsored public/private partnerships
- Community-sponsored private initiatives
- Health plan and hospital system-wide initiatives

Why is it important? The ability to exchange health information electronically is the basic and critical capacity of data accessibility and data sharing that is the foundation for improving healthcare in the United States. HIE makes all relevant patient information available where it's needed, when it's needed, and by whom it's needed.

This increased availability of relevant health information through HIE:

- Provides a key building block for improved patient care quality and safety
- Provides the means to reduce duplication of services with a resultant reduction of healthcare costs
- Facilitates reduced operational costs by enabling automation of many (currently) manual administrative tasks

How to get involved? Join the HIE Interest Group! On a quarterly basis, the group will convene by teleconference to:

1. Learn about local, state and national HIE initiatives
2. Share updates on HIE activities in Iowa
3. Develop HIE-specific materials and resources to educate Iowa HIMSS members

To learn more and join the HIE Interest Group, contact:

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