



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Administration update on Health Information Exchange (HIE) and approval of HIE Participation Agreements with Marin General Hospital and Marin Community Clinics. (New)

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive update on Health Information Exchange (HIE) development.
2. Authorize the President to execute Health Information Exchange (HIE) participation agreement with Marin General Hospital.
3. Authorize the President to execute Health Information Exchange (HIE) participation agreement with Marin Community Clinics.

SUMMARY: In 2016, the Department initiated the development of a Health Information Exchange (HIE) for Marin's safety-net. The HIE, Marin Health Gateway, will be a data-sharing and integration service which will enable the appropriate and secure exchange of health information among the Department, community clinics in Marin County, Marin General Hospital, and eventually other external partners to improve the coordination, quality, and cost-effectiveness of care delivered to Marin residents.

During the past year, staff worked with our vendor Redwood MedNet (RWMN) to establish participants' data sharing capabilities. RWMN has configured and built the data repository. The next big milestone is to build interfaces between participants' electronic health record systems and the HIE and then to begin normalizing data. Data sharing will begin in September and we expect full health information exchange between participants to occur by December of this year.

The other significant milestone of the first year is the completion of this Participation Agreement. This Agreement and its accompanying Policies establishes the trust needed to share patient information safely and securely. By approving these Participation Agreements today, your Board will authorize the beginning of data sharing with its first two partners, Marin General Hospital and Marin Community Clinics. The Department will return to your Board with additional Participation Agreements as other agencies sign their respective agreements. As outlined in the document, the agreement remains in effect until one of the parties initiates its termination.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The HIE will enable the timely delivery of complete and accurate medical records to the clients' health care teams, improve population health outcomes, and create linkages to other wellness resources and supports for Marin residents.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with this request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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