



## Connect HIE (health information exchange)

*Allina Integrated Medical Network*

### Connect HIE benefits

- 1) Clinicians will have a unified, holistic and organized view of patient data.
- 2) Streamlined user interface is easier to use than comparable tools like Allina's EpicCare Link™.
- 3) Connect HIE is a secure conduit for patient data that respects patient privacy preferences.
- 4) Participation in Connect HIE achieves the Minnesota Interoperable EHR Mandate (Jan. 1, 2015 Minn. Stat. §62J.495). Allina Health is a state-certified HIE vendor. There will not be a HIE developed by the state of Minnesota.
- 5) HIE participation is important for clinical integration to achieve exceptional patient care.

### About health information exchange

A health information exchange (HIE) is a secure computer network that connects the electronic health record information systems of different health care providers. This enables providers to share clinical and demographic data of patients they have in common to provide the best possible care. Clinical information from all sources is collated in one summary view for ease of access and review.

Allina Health is developing its product, Connect HIE, for use by participating providers, beginning with those participating in the Allina Integrated Medical Network (AIM Network). The goal of Connect HIE is the efficient exchange of data to achieve a unified, holistic view of patient information. This will enable clinicians to offer more efficient, lower-cost care for patients.

### Connect HIE vision

- All AIM Network members contribute patient data for a robust clinical repository to advance patient care.



## Anticipated Clinical advantages of Connect HIE

- Information in the system is updated in real-time
- Decreased duplication of medical imaging and lab tests
- Better diagnosis and treatment plans, based on more complete patient data
- Information from progress notes of AIM Network partner clinicians
- Reduce gaps in care for patients who have chronic conditions
- Enhanced patient experience
- Improve care coordination and transitions between levels of care

## Anticipated Operations advantages of Connect HIE

- Safe architecture with two-factor authentication
- Gains in efficiency and productivity, due to more complete patient history
- Replace manual registry workflows with data extracted from Connect HIE
- Fewer phone calls and faxes
- Universal patient consent

## Data sharing for Connect HIE

Data available to view for AIM Network groups

- Progress notes
- Encounter data
- Patient demographics
- Potentially additional discrete data as the Connect HIE program continues to expand

Data available to view for Allina Health and Excellian affiliates

- Progress notes
- Encounter data
- Patient demographics
- Medications
- Vaccinations
- Allergies
- Medical imaging and lab test reports
- Problem list

## How does Connect HIE work with Care Everywhere?

- Connect HIE offers access to patient data through a portal as well as through Care Everywhere (for clinicians who actively use Excellian).
- Future development connecting Care Everywhere to Connect HIE will allow Excellian users to request outside records via Care Everywhere and see Connect HIE as an option.

## How is Connect HIE different from Epic Care Link?

- Connect HIE will contain information from the Allina Health and Excellian Affiliates' records and from contributing AIM Network groups.
- A benefit of Connect HIE is the ability to access the portal without the use of an RSA token when working from your practice network.
- Connect HIE is a view-only application, and will not offer any data entry capabilities that may be available in Epic Care Link such as limited order entry.

## How can I access Connect HIE?

- AIM Network users will have the ability to access Connect HIE via a web portal when working within the practice network. An RSA token will be required outside of your office.
- Excellian users will access Connect HIE through existing Excellian Care Everywhere workflows once that technology is developed.

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