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Community-Based Organizations Contribute Secure Data to Rochester RHIO, Leading to Better Healthcare

Rochester, NY—March 27, 2018—For years, Rochester has been at the forefront of digitally and securely sharing essential patient healthcare data between major health systems and related providers. Now, even more organizations who take part in the well-being of the community are participating. Rochester RHIO announces that more than 500 data sources are now part of its Contribute service, representing hundreds of healthcare organizations that serve more than a million residents each year.

Through RHIO's Contribute service, organizations achieve bi-directional exchange, meaning they can share data that helps caregivers provide better care for their patients. Contribute is used by hospitals, healthcare organizations, private practices and other ambulatory care sites to improve healthcare quality, coordination and efficiency. Clinical access requires patient consent. Data sharing builds a more complete medical record for communities and individuals in the RHIO's 13-county region.

"Contribute allows participating providers to share patient data with the RHIO, building a rich source of data that creates a robust, community patient health record," said Jill Eisenstein, CEO & president of Rochester RHIO. "Until now, the information captured by these organizations was widely unavailable without significant effort, creating gaps in the ability to provide optimal coordinated care."

When providers contribute secure electronic data, patients benefit from increased provider communication and reduced workflow inefficiencies. As the number of participants that use contribute grows, providers gain a more complete picture of a patient's health, including recent hospitalizations, laboratory tests and imaging, medications administered, etc. The result is a more comprehensive patient health record that enables the highest quality patient care.

Organizations that want to learn more about Contribute should contact Rochester RHIO at 877-865-7446 or info@grrhio.org.

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About Rochester RHIO

Rochester RHIO is a secure electronic health information exchange serving authorized medical providers and over one million patients in Monroe, Allegany, Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties in Upstate New York. The service allows a medical care team to share records across institutions and practices, making patient information available wherever and whenever needed to provide the best care. Patients benefit from fewer repeated tests, easier second opinions, a reduced risk of mistakes caused by poor handwriting or incomplete records, and more informed care during office visits and emergencies. It is a Qualified Entity of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY). Health care professionals and patients can learn more by visiting RochesterRHIO.org or by calling 877-865-RHIO (7446).

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