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Rochester RHIO is Named a Qualified Entity of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York

SHIN-NY Will Connect New York's 10 RHIOs to Make Patient Health Care Records Available Across the State

ROCHESTER, N.Y., April 29, 2014 — The Rochester Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) has been named a qualified entity of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY).

Late last month, the New York State Legislature approved \$55 million in funding for the SHIN-NY, which seeks to create a fully integrated statewide health information exchange (HIE) that will connect New York's 10 RHIOs and foster greater collaboration among health care providers across the Upstate New York and Metro New York regions.

"We are pleased to be considered a qualified entity of the SHIN-NY, working closely with the State to bring the HIE standards we've had in Rochester to providers and patients throughout New York," said Ted Kremer, MPH, executive director, Rochester RHIO. "The goal is to make electronic health records more portable so physicians have access to the information necessary to provide the best possible care for patients—regardless of where they happen to be within the State."

Researchers at Weill Cornell Medical College have determined through multiple studies that consulting RHIO records reduces the rates of hospital admissions, readmissions, and repeat radiology tests. These reductions result in cost savings to patients, hospitals, insurers, and the community at large.

About Rochester RHIO

Rochester RHIO is a secure electronic health information exchange serving authorized medical providers and nearly one million consenting 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. Health care professionals and patients can learn more by visiting RochesterRHIO.org or by calling 877-865-RHIO (7446).

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