



JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT from GENESYS HEALTH SYSTEM, McLAREN HEALTH CARE & HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER

Genesee County Hospitals announce a shared Regional Health Information Exchange Strategy in partnership with Michigan Health Connect & Medicity

BACKGROUND

Exciting things are happening in Michigan, where a broad, regional health information exchange, or HIE, has been steadily evolving. The benefits will soon accrue to the health care providers and residents of Genesee County, as well as those from neighboring counties.

The state of Michigan, going back a few years, had provided multiple planning grants to explore the development of regional HIEs throughout Michigan. The counties of Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee were designated as one of nine regions, also known as medical trading areas. Since mid-2007, regional leaders from Genesys Health System, Hurley Medical Center, McLaren Regional Medical Center, Lapeer Regional Medical Center, and Memorial Healthcare have come together via the Greater Flint Health Coalition to investigate the best local strategy to establish HIE.

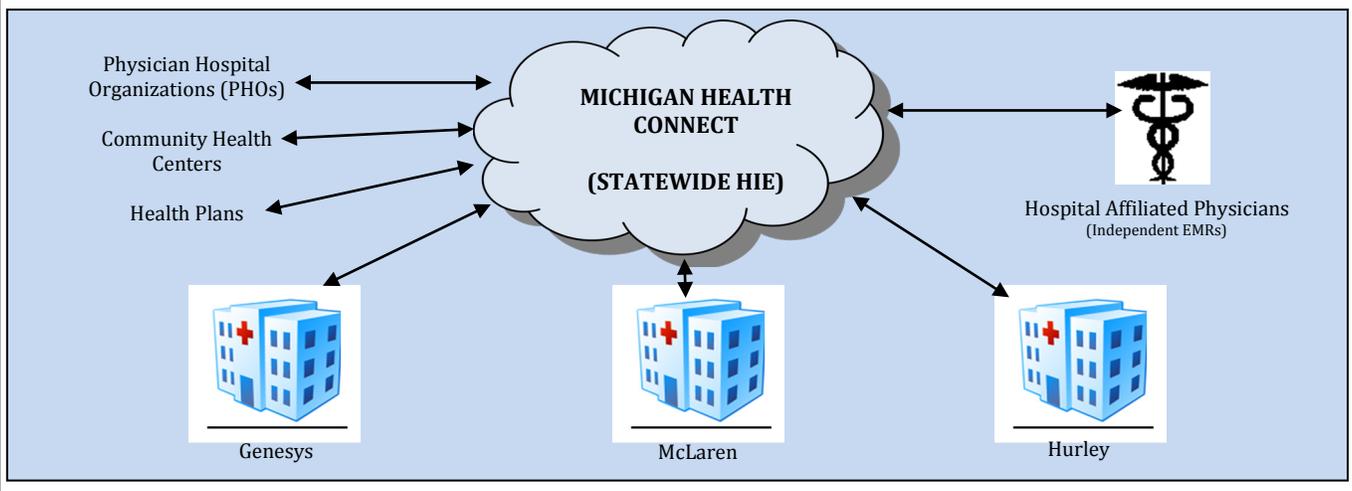
While a lengthy process of planning and evaluation has transpired in the midst of an ever-changing landscape related to federal requirements for health information technology, electronic medical records, and meaningful use, the three Genesee County hospitals and the Greater Flint Health Coalition are pleased to announce a shared regional Health Information Exchange strategy in partnership with Michigan Health Connect.

ABOUT MICHIGAN HEALTH CONNECT

Michigan Health Connect (MHC) seeks to advance the delivery of patient-focused health care by collaboratively leveraging information technology and clinical data exchange. It also encourages the adoption of EMR systems across the provider community and facilitates their meaningful use. MHC is led by a collaborative of 8 prominent health systems and currently consists of 47 hospital facilities whose service area spans over 80% of the counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

In partnership with Medicity (a leading HIE vendor), MHC has deployed results delivery, laboratory and radiology ordering and EMR interfaces to hundreds of physician practices statewide, including technology to enable referrals between practices.

By adopting Medicity's full HIE infrastructure, MHC will have the ability to aggregate and match patient data to create longitudinal patient records while enabling the participating health systems and their physician partners to maintain ownership of their own data. Via its growing clinical messaging platform, MHC has over 640 physician offices connected to receive results. These include EMR offices as well as paper-based offices whose results are placed into an electronic "drop-box", replacing inefficient fax delivery.



ARE DIFFERENT ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD (EMR) SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF WORKING WITH THIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE STRATEGY? IF SO, WHAT EMR's DO THE REGION'S HOSPITALS ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND?

Yes. To date, Michigan Health Connect has developed 48 discrete interfaces representing 22 different health information technology vendor systems. MHC doesn't endorse any but will work with all EMR systems.

In our region, our local hospitals have also selected different EMR vendors to achieve "meaningful use" requirements. Each regional hospital's selected EMR system for employed physicians is noted below. We fully endorse and encourage your use of these EMR systems if your practice is in the process of making such a decision.



Genesys Health System

Allscripts
Enterprise
EMR



McLaren Health Care

Allscripts
Enterprise or Professional or
MyWay EMR



Hurley Medical Center

Epic
EMR

**FOR HOSPITAL AFFILIATED PHYSICIANS (NON-EMPLOYED),
NUMEROUS OTHER EMR SYSTEMS WILL WORK WITH THE
MICHIGAN HEALTH CONNECT HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE,
HOWEVER, INTERFACING COSTS FROM THOSE EMR VENDORS SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED.**

WHERE CAN YOU LEARN MORE ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Below please find the contact information for the Chief Information Officer of the region's hospitals. Their team is prepared to answer your questions and refer you to the necessary steps to take advantage of the forthcoming regional health information exchange strategy as it is implemented in 2012 and beyond...

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