

Quest Physician Update

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Transforming Healthcare- Together.

Dear Colleagues,

April 2011 marks another milestone on Central Illinois' journey towards modernizing healthcare communications. The Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) selected Informatics Corporation of America (ICA) as our vendor of choice to furnish HIE technology and infrastructure. ICA technology, developed at Vanderbilt Medical Center, is rapidly emerging as a market leader. ICA has recently been selected by the states of Iowa and Kansas and has many HIEs installed across the country, including in St Louis, Missouri.

The CIHIE charter members' Board of Directors, with input from the Executive Advisory Committee, (comprised of organizations that have been at the table planning for HIE for nearly two years) reviewed three top HIE products. ICA stood out as the most clinically-oriented, practice-friendly choice. It also provides the most flexible privacy features and, very importantly, it is the most affordable.

When fully deployed, the CIHIE will serve an estimated 1,300,000 patients in 20 counties encompassing the Bloomington, Champaign, Decatur and Peoria areas. The region includes 27 hospitals, 20 health departments, 2,800 physicians, 280 pharmacies, 12 labs and imaging centers and numerous ancillary healthcare providers such as rehabilitation centers, behavioral healthcare, long-term facilities and nursing homes.

The HIE will provide information never available before to treating clinicians. With patient permission, ICA software securely searches all connected organizations for information about a specific patient and, within seconds, presents a summarized view to the treating medical team. Gone will be the days of calling for information that didn't arrive in time for the patient's appointment. Gone will be the days of repeating a test because results are not available. Gone will be the days of hand carrying and hand copying records. Clinicians and patients 'win' big with HIE in place. CIHIE is on schedule to begin offering services in late 2011.

Current CIHIE Charter Members are Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, Decatur Memorial Hospital, Easter Seals, the Human Service Center - a subsidiary of Fayette Companies, Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, Proctor Hospital, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, and University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. These leaders are providing funding for start-up costs and they will establish the policies and procedures governing CIHIE. A limited number of charter member seats are still available.

Organizations that are interested in learning more about the Charter Member opportunity may contact David Miller at 309-251-6491.

Thank you for all you do to make patient care better and safer. Together, we are transforming healthcare.

Respectfully,

