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METRO DENVER'S LARGEST HEALTH SYSTEM CONNECTS TO COLORADO HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, BRINGING BETTER HEALTH CARE TO AREA RESIDENTS

HealthONE Connects its Meditech Medical Records System to CORHIO, Enabling Better Care Coordination for Thousands of Colorado Residents

DENVER, Colo. – December 18, 2014 – CORHIO, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, announced today that HealthONE's eight Denver-area hospitals have successfully connected to its health information exchange (HIE) network. The hospitals include The Medical Center of Aurora, North Suburban Medical Center, Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, Rose Medical Center, Sky Ridge Medical Center, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital and Swedish Medical Center. Combined, the hospitals accounted for more than 1.2 million patient encounters in the last year. HealthONE is a subsidiary of HCA.

The CORHIO HIE gives physicians and other community-based health care providers access to important health information about their patients including hospital discharge notifications, lab test results, x-ray, MRI and other imaging reports, physician transcription reports and referral information.

By connecting HealthONE's electronic medical record (EMR) system with the CORHIO HIE, HealthONE is expanding its capability to more quickly and efficiently coordinate the care of patients with community providers throughout Colorado. When a patient is hospitalized at a HealthONE hospital, important health information is electronically recorded and then automatically routed to the patient's care providers on the CORHIO network. This immediate communication helps the patient's care team better track his or her medical needs, which can prevent repeat hospitalizations and expensive, redundant testing.

"We are pleased that our eight hospitals are now part of the CORHIO network," said Sylvia Young, president of the HealthONE system of hospitals. "The health information exchange has a robust membership and it will help the providers in the network share patient information quickly and accurately. That will benefit patients as well as hospitals and physicians."

With the addition of the HealthONE hospitals, 21 of the metro area's 23 acute care hospitals are now actively exchanging patient information on CORHIO's protected HIE network.

"I am thrilled that HealthONE is now officially part of the CORHIO health information exchange network," said Morgan Honea, chief executive officer at CORHIO. "HealthONE is one of Colorado's largest health systems, so the impact of their participation—in terms of numbers of patients who will benefit — is enormous. We are grateful to HealthONE and its parent company, HCA, for investing in technology that enables better coordinated care and higher quality care for Coloradans."

The CORHIO HIE is one of the largest and most robust health information exchange networks in the United States. Forty-seven hospitals, more than 2,100 doctors, 126 long-term care facilities, 24 behavioral health centers, four large medical laboratories and the state health department are currently connected to the CORHIO HIE, with hundreds of additional health care providers and dozens of organizations in the process of connecting. For a list of all participating providers, visit www.corhio.org.

About CORHIO

CORHIO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality for all Coloradans through health information technology and health information exchange (HIE). As the state designated entity for HIE, CORHIO collaborates with all health care stakeholders including physicians, hospitals, clinics, public health, long-term care, laboratories, imaging centers, health plans and patients to improve care coordination through secure systems and processes for sharing clinical information. For more information about CORHIO, please visit www.corhio.org.

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