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**CORHIO and New West Physicians Partner to Improve Patient Care and Efficiency**  
*Primary Care Medical Group to Join Health Information Exchange Network*

**DENVER – Nov. 14, 2018** – The Colorado Regional Health Information Organization ([CORHIO](#)) announced that [New West Physicians](#) will soon have access to secure data in CORHIO's health information exchange (HIE), one of the largest HIE networks in the United States.

The data exchange service will give New West Physicians, which includes 20 primary care offices in the Denver metro area, secure access to important information such as lab results, updated patient records and demographic information. This ensures every care provider in a patient's chain of care has consistent and current information, and that their records are more secure and accessible than with paper files.

"With access to the CORHIO exchange, we'll see the big picture with our patients. If they've been to the hospital or seen a specialist since our last visit, updated test results and notes will be right there in their records," said New West Physicians Chief Health Information Officer Melissa Helms, M.D., a practicing physician with the group. "Patients won't have to worry about remembering every detail for a primary care visit because their doctors will have all the information they need."

Founded in 1994 and comprising more than 125 physicians, advanced practice clinicians, and specialists across the metro area, [New West Physicians](#) joins other major health care providers in Colorado in connecting to the CORHIO network.

CORHIO CEO Morgan Honea cited the partnership as the latest example of both groups' innovation to improve patient outcomes by providing fast, secure communication among health care providers.

"Care providers in our network enjoy seamless access to patients' health data. Patients know their information is secure and available to their primary care doctors, specialists and hospitals, so they don't have to undergo unnecessary tests or worry that something will get lost in translation from one care provider to another," Honea said.

## **About CORHIO**

CORHIO is an independent, non-profit digital health organization committed to advancing healthcare by enhancing information technology and data exchange. CORHIO oversees one of the largest and most successful health information exchange networks in the United States, with more than 13,000 users and 74 hospitals participating. Dedicated professionals at CORHIO help healthcare providers use innovative technology to improve care delivery, while our robust database gives healthcare plans and accountable care organizations information to maximize the impact of population health programs. For more information, visit [www.corhio.org](http://www.corhio.org).

## **About New West Physicians**

New West Physicians, part of OptumCare, is a primary care medical group in Colorado with 20 offices located throughout the Denver Metro area. In 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) selected New West Physicians as one of the 2017 Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Champions. In 2015, New West Physician was named the American Medical Group Association's (AMGA) Acclaim Award recipient, a recognition awarded annually to a medical provider that is deemed a premier role model for other health care delivery organizations nationwide. The group of board certified family practice and internal medicine physicians, advanced practice clinicians, hospitalists, and team of specialists are committed to providing excellent service to every patient...every time. To learn more, visit [www.nwphysicians.com](http://www.nwphysicians.com).