

Aetna Acquisition of Medicity FAQ

In response to questions from communities and providers across Colorado, CORHIO is providing the following FAQs to address Aetna's recent acquisition of Medicity.

What is the announcement?

Aetna completed its acquisition of Medicity of January 3, 2011. Aetna has stated publicly and to CORHIO's Board of Directors that Medicity will operate as a separate business within Aetna, under its existing leadership structure.

How does the acquisition of Medicity impact CORHIO or CORHIO HIE participants?

The acquisition of Medicity by Aetna in no way impacts CORHIO operations.

Was CORHIO prepared for a potential Medicity acquisition?

Yes. During the contracting process with Medicity, CORHIO considered the possibility of a Medicity acquisition and built safeguards into the contract that fully protect CORHIO and HIE participants. The contract CORHIO has with Medicity is fully transferable to Aetna. Aetna is obligated to carry out the Medicity contract as written.

Does the acquisition of Medicity mean Aetna will have access to patient or provider data exchanged in the CORHIO HIE?

Medicity follows, and will continue to follow, contracted privacy policies as well as all federally mandated privacy laws which include restrictions for secondary use of data. Additionally, once the CORHIO HIE is live, the data will be housed in Colorado completely separate from the Aetna insurance system. CORHIO will (as planned) audit data access for all persons and organizations that have access to HIE data.

Are there any benefits to Medicity being acquired by Aetna?

Yes, CORHIO anticipates that with the strong financial backing of Aetna, Medicity will be able to further invest in its technology and business operations resulting in enhancements to the products and services that Medicity offers, thus benefitting CORHIO and its HIE participants.

CORHIO is committed to keeping HIE participants informed:

If and when CORHIO learns of any important developments in the Medicity acquisition, CORHIO will disseminate that information along to HIE participants and other Colorado stakeholders.

Additional information:

On Tuesday, December 7th, Medicity's founder and CEO posted a message to customers and industry stakeholders on its website at <http://infosite.medicity.com/CEOMessage.aspx>

Aetna Press Release for Initial Announcement on December 7th is available at http://www.aetna.com/news/newsReleases/2010/1207_AetnaMedicity.html

Aetna Press Release for Completion of Acquisition on January 3rd is available at http://www.aetna.com/news/newsReleases/2011/0103_AetnaMedicity.html

Chilmark Research posted an industry perspective on the acquisition on December 7th at this available at <http://chilmarkresearch.com/2010/12/07/analysis-aetna-jumps-into-hie-market-acquiring-medicity/>

For more information, please visit www.corhio.org.