



CORHIO Frequently Asked Questions

What is CORHIO?

CORHIO (Colorado Health Regional Health Information Organization) is a nonprofit, public-private partnership whose mission is to improve the health of all Coloradans by facilitating health information exchange (HIE). Designated by the State of Colorado to coordinate and receive Health Information Technology (HIT) funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), CORHIO is working closely with and among communities across Colorado to build out the HIE technology infrastructure and connect provider offices to the HIE.

What data is CORHIO planning to transmit as part of Health Information Exchange (HIE)?

By 2011, CORHIO plans to transmit:

- lab results
- pathology reports
- radiology reports
- lab/imaging orders
- patient care summaries
- transcriptions
- referrals
- consult reports
- medication, allergy and problem lists
- public health notifications and alerts

In the future, more data will be transmitted. Contact CORHIO for a product and service rollout schedule.

What services is CORHIO focused on delivering to Colorado communities?

CORHIO has identified three stages for the roll-out of HIE data transfer capabilities in Colorado:

1. Clinical messaging:
 - Exchange of secure messages for lab results, pathology reports, radiology reports, lab/imaging orders, patient care summaries, transcriptions, referrals, consult reports and meds, allergies and problem lists.
 - Public health notifications and alerts
2. Point of care inquiry:
 - Community health record access to longitudinal patient records at the point of care
3. Advanced clinical analytics:
 - Advanced clinical analytics and reporting
 - Connecting patients and families

How is CORHIO funded for HIE?

CORHIO is the recipient of two grants focused on building community based health information exchanges that tie into a state-wide exchange. The grants include a \$9.175 million ARRA HITECH grant award and a substantial grant from The Colorado Health Foundation. These grant funds will help build out the complex HIE technology infrastructure across the state, and help reduce set-up costs for “early adopters” of HIE. CORHIO’s long-term sustainability is dependent upon a fee-based subscription model.



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What is CORHIO's plan for launching HIE in Colorado?

CORHIO is committed to launching two communities on HIE by Q1 2011. Between 2011 and 2015, CORHIO will launch two to three communities per year and connect with Quality Health Network (QHN) to integrate with the Western Slope.

Which communities is CORHIO working with today?

CORHIO is currently facilitating implementation of community wide health information exchanges in the San Luis Valley, Boulder and Colorado Springs. In addition, CORHIO is working with numerous communities east of the continental divide to assist in developing community commitment to HIE, including Northern Colorado (Larimer and Weld counties) and Pueblo.

CORHIO is also working with Centura Health System and The Children's Hospital as statewide early adopters of HIE. These organizations have offices and clinics within many communities across Colorado and treat patients from many parts of the state.

Furthermore, CORHIO is collaborating with Quality Health Network (QHN) in Grand Junction to support community HIE development west of the continental divide that will function as part of the state-wide HIE.

What other initiatives has CORHIO undertaken to support HIE?

The Colorado Regional Extension Center (referred to as CO-REC) offers technical assistance, guidance, and information on best practices to support and accelerate Colorado health care providers' efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs). CO-REC helps qualified primary health care providers implement and meaningfully use technology related to the following:

- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- Clinical workflow and process redesign
- Local workforce development
- Quality improvement

CO-REC services are designed to assist 2,295 priority primary care providers to qualify for incentive payments from Medicaid and Medicare between 2010 and 2012.

CORHIO is collaborating with 7 organizations statewide to define and offer REC services, funded by a \$12.475 million ARRA HITECH grant award. REC services are intended to meet Colorado's goal of having 85% of primary care and safety net providers as meaningful users of EHRs by 2015.

What services will CO-REC partners provide to providers?

CO-REC partners will provide the following services for priority primary care practitioners in practices of ten or less and safety net providers:

- Electronic Health Record (EHR) System Purchases and Implementation
- Workflow Redesign
- Vendor Selection Assistance
- Interoperability Support
- Privacy/Security Best Practices Support



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Who are the CO-REC partners who will offer REC services to help providers get to meaningful use of EHRs and draw down incentive payments?

The following organizations will contract to provide REC services to providers in Colorado and receive the CO-REC funding for serving priority primary care practitioners in practices of ten or less and safety net providers.

- ClinicNet
- Health TeamWorks (formerly CCGC)
- Colorado Community Health Network /CACHIE
- Colorado Foundation for Medical Care
- Colorado Rural Health Center
- Physicians Health Partners
- Quality Health Network

What is CORHIO's board representation?

CORHIO's board represents breadth and depth from every aspect of the healthcare delivery system including consumers, health plans, providers, and quality experts from both state-wide organizations as well as communities across Colorado. Please visit the CORHIO website to see a list of board members at www.corhio.org/about/board-of-directors.aspx.

What is CORHIO's Committee Structure?

Committees are comprised of executive leadership from interested organizations. Workgroups that support the committees are comprised of subject experts from interested organizations. The Committees are advisory to the CORHIO Board.

- **Audit & Finance Committee:** The Audit & Finance Committee's Charter is a standing committee of the board established to review the annual budget for conformance with the fiscal policies of CORHIO, recommend the approval of the annual budget to the full board, oversee the annual audit and establish and review the prudent financial management practices of CORHIO. This committee is chaired by Forrest Cason, CFO for Mental Health Corporation of Denver and CORHIO Treasurer.
- **Consumer & Outreach Committee:** The Consumer and Outreach Committee Charter is to serve as a principal vehicle for HIE consumers to contribute to the development of health information exchange and the implementation of interoperable communication between Colorado providers by advising the CORHIO Board of Directors on issues of high importance to a broad range of consumers including business, physicians, other health care providers and individual consumers. This committee is chaired by Lynn Parry, MD an independent neurologist and former President of the Colorado Medical Society.
- **Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee Charter is to support the Board of Directors in adopting, communicating and overseeing effective organizational policies and procedures that support the mission and successful operations of CORHIO. This committee is co-chaired by Lynn Dierker, Project Director, State-Level HIE, AHIMA/FORE and Mrak Wallace, MD, Executive Director, Weld County Public Health Department.
- **Technical Committee:** The Technical Committee's Charter is to develop strategies and activities that ensure the technical solutions needed to facilitate HIE adoption across Colorado. This committee will review the technical needs related to statewide HIE expansion that meet both regulatory and community standards.



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