



The KHIE Connection

Partnering to Improve Patient Health Outcomes

About KHIE

The Commonwealth of Kentucky strives to be a leader in our nation's journey to advance health information technology to transform paper health records into electronic health records. With initiatives underway to enhance the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care for all Kentuckians, the Commonwealth is at the forefront of Health information Technology.

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange offers the Commonwealth's providers, like you, an opportunity to support our health care system in adopting and using health information technology. This will not only encourage, but enable you, the health care provider, to participate in a secure Health Information Exchange (HIE), where valuable health information will be available **when and where** it is needed to achieve the best positive patient outcomes.

Because other industries have already embraced information technology, our health care system can capitalize on advances already made to ensure the privacy and security of shared health information.

What is the KHIE Connection?

KHIE is a secure, interoperable network in which participating providers with certified EMR technology can locate and share needed patient information with each other to improve coordination of care.

Why Connect?

Connectivity through KHIE promotes:

- The exchange of data to facilitate better and quicker access to complete, accurate patient information.
- The ability to view other participating provider's records to see your patient's complete medical history.
- The comprehensive management of health information
 - ✓ Access to Microbiology lab results from the Kentucky State Laboratory
 - ✓ Ability to report immunizations electronically to the Kentucky Immunization Registry via your office's electronic medical record
 - ✓ Access to Medicaid claims-based information, which includes encounters and medication history
 - ✓ Ability to report cancer patient information to the Kentucky Cancer Registry via your office's electronic medical record

- ✓ Functionality to submit 'Reportable Diseases'
- ✓ Functionality to submit 'Syndromic Surveillance' data
- ✓ Access to New Born Screenings from the Kentucky State Laboratory (coming soon)

What are the Benefits?

- ☑ The exchange of data facilitates better and quicker access to complete, accurate patient information
- ☑ Real-time access to patient health information
 - Detailed patient summary
 - Rx/medication history
 - Laboratory results
 - Radiology and other transcribed reports
- ☑ The ability to view other participating provider's records to see your patient's complete medical history
- ☑ Improves patient care, quality, and safety
- ☑ Reduces health care costs by reducing duplication of care
- ☑ Improves efforts to reduce health disparities
- ☑ Informs medical decisions at the time/place of care
- ☑ Privacy and security of shared health information

In addition to all these benefits, connectivity to KHIE helps you, the provider; meet specific objectives in Meaningful Use Stages One and Two in order to ensure receipt of EHR incentive funds.

Who are Our Partners?

To intensify the speed of provider adoption and maximize data availability, the KHIE is collaborating with Kentucky's two Regional Extension Centers (RECs), The University of Kentucky Regional Extension Center and HealthBridge Tri-State Regional Extension Center. The RECs were awarded federal monies and have been tasked with the principal objective of assisting primary care practices with the adoption of EMRs and achieving meaningful use.

The KHIE Outreach Coordinators are teaming with the REC Implementation Specialists to coordinate activities to maximize resources and efforts to facilitate EMR adoption, support achievement of meaningful use, assist with the application for incentive funds, and encourage connectivity to KHIE.

How do I make the KHIE Connection?

KHIE offers the services of five Outreach Coordinators who are strategically positioned in regions of the state to encourage provider adoption of electronic medical records and promote connectivity to the exchange.

Visit our website at www.khie.ky.gov to locate the Outreach Coordinator in your area or for more information, you may call our office at 502-564-7992.