

The connection between the Joint Health Information Exchange (JHIE) and NDHIN is LIVE!

- This connection utilizes the eHealth Exchange framework, and provides Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), and private partners the opportunity to exchange patient information
- NDHIN participating healthcare providers can now securely query a patient's medical history from both DoD and VA facilities
- NDHIN participants can initiate a query of the JHIE through the External Record tab of the patient's record in the NDHIN clinical portal

NEW Module in NDHIN for Newborn Screening NDHIN recently teamed up with the North Dakota Newborn Screening (NBS) Program to launch a new module within NDHIN that supports their long term follow up services for children diagnosed with genetic and metabolic disorders.

- The module contains a pathway that tracks children through age 6 - Children are enrolled in a pathway once a test result is confirmed
- An initial assessment is done that collects information on the following,
 - Nutrition
 - Interventions
 - DME
 - Developmental milestones
 - Barriers to receiving care
- Follow up visits and information collected at each visit are based on the child's age
- The focus of long term follow up services is to ensure that families are;
 - Getting needed support and are
 - Connected to community services
- The NBS module also includes;
 - Care planning tool
 - Problem list
 - Expanded use of Circle of Care
- Although this module is currently only accessed by the NBS team, **ALL NDHIN users can find completed assessments and follow up visit notes in {Patient Summary} in a new folder called <Newborn Screening>**
- The NBS program is looking to identify locations for these children to schedule telehealth visits with their specialists, helping to cut down on travel, expenses, etc.
For additional information, please contact Joyal Meyer at jbmeyer@nd.gov

Recommended Data Elements for Capture in the Master Patient Index (MPI)

Accurate patient identification is of the utmost importance in interoperability and failing to ensure accuracy poses a significant risk to patient safety and misidentification. Organizations have begun collaborating to provide guidance on several key components to reduce these risks.

- The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) has released a [Naming Policy to enhance patient matching and identification](#) – *the Naming Policy is attached to this email and you can find additional information by following the link*

- Best practices related to naming conventions for accurate patient identification were developed by a workgroup of subject matter experts created by AHIMA and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)
- The NDHIN team has begun brainstorming on ways that we could collaborate with others across the state to develop ND specific best practices and other helpful information – stay tuned for more to come on this!

Updates to the NDHIN Participation Agreement and Business Associate

Agreement Recent NDHIN policy changes and new regulatory guidance have necessitated an update to these agreements to properly comply. This process has been ongoing over the last couple of months and if you have already returned your signed agreements to us, THANK YOU! If you have not yet returned your signed agreements, we would greatly appreciate if you could do so at your earliest convenience. If you have not received communication from us on these updated agreements, please note the following information,

- Check your email (and junk mail) for this communication. The subject line reads **'NDHIN Agreements Update'**
- A full list of the changes can be found in the email communication for your review
- A List of Affiliations document is also included in the email *and is only needed if the agreements cover more than one participant location*
- If you have not received our communication or have further questions or concerns, please contact Rachel Goble at rachel.goble@healthtechsolutions.com.

Are you transitioning to a new/different EHR? We know that this can be a very busy time and NDHIN wants to assist in making this transition as smooth as possible.

- Please reach out to NDHIN as soon as plans begin on your migration to inform us of the transition
- Discussions between your facility, your existing EHR vendor, your new EHR vendor and NDHIN may be needed to ensure all established NDHIN data feeds are identified to be transitioned appropriately
- If you have single sign on (SSO) functionality currently and wish to establish this in the new EHR we can work with the EHR vendor to get this set up
- We are here to help answer any questions you may have related to your NDHIN access and connectivity as you journey through your EHR transition!

WELCOME to our New NDHIN Participants! [Page Ambulance Service](#) - We are extremely pleased that you have made the decision to join the network and look forward to providing you with a longitudinal health record for all your patients

REMINDER

- When an employee leaves your organization, please inform NDHIN to ensure access to the clinical portal & DSM (if applicable) is terminated

- Making this part of your internal employee departure policy will help to ensure it is not forgotten – Thank you!