



# Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Advisory Board Meeting

August 4, 2023



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# Agenda

- 10 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 10:05 Minutes of May 5, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- 10:10 Health Information Exchange Trust Community Committee Updates
- 10:25 PA eHealth Partnership Program Initiatives
- 11:00 Chesapeake Regional Information Service for Patients (CRISP) Overview
- 11:30 PA Navigate Project Implementation
- 12 p.m. Networking Luncheon
- 12:30 TEFCA Impact on HIE
- 12:50 PA eHealth SFY 2022-2023 Strategic Plan Accomplishments
- 1:40 Vice Chair Nominations
- 12:45 New Business
- 1:50 Public Comment
- 2 p.m. Adjournment



# Welcome and Introductions

**Paul McGuire**

Post-Acute Care Representative

and

PA eHealth Advisory Board Chair

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# HIE Trust Community Committee Updates

**Phyllis Szymanski**

President

ClinicalConnect HIE

# HIE Trust Community Committee

## **Chairperson:**

- Phyllis Szymanski, President, ClinicalConnect HIE

## **HIE Trust Community Committee Meeting Summaries:**

- HIETCC Meeting Agenda, July 12, 2023
- HIETCC Meeting Minutes, June 7, 2023
- HIETCC Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2023
- HIETCC Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2023

# HIE Trust Community Committee

## Topics covered/discussions w/continued focus on:

- PA NAVIGATE (formerly RISE-PA) – Grant Program for HIOs to Select Statewide RRT Vendor (RFA 03-22)
- Adding OB Needs Assessment Forms and AAA Care Plans to P3N Care Plan Registry
- Providing encounter notification services for P3N-HIO(s)
- Full P3N Disaster Recovery Exercise
- Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)
- Cognosante P3N/PHG Implementation/Transition
- P3N Operations and Transparency
- CMS Streamlined Modular Certification
- Interstate Data Sharing – CRISP Onboarding to P3N ADT Service (MD, WV, CT, DC, and AK)
- Leveraging Hospital Quality Incentive Programs to help close “white space”
- Proposed new MA Enterprise Funded ADT Grant Program for P3N-HIOs
- Began annual review of P3N Certification Package
- P3N Re-Procurement

# PA eHealth Partnership Program Initiatives

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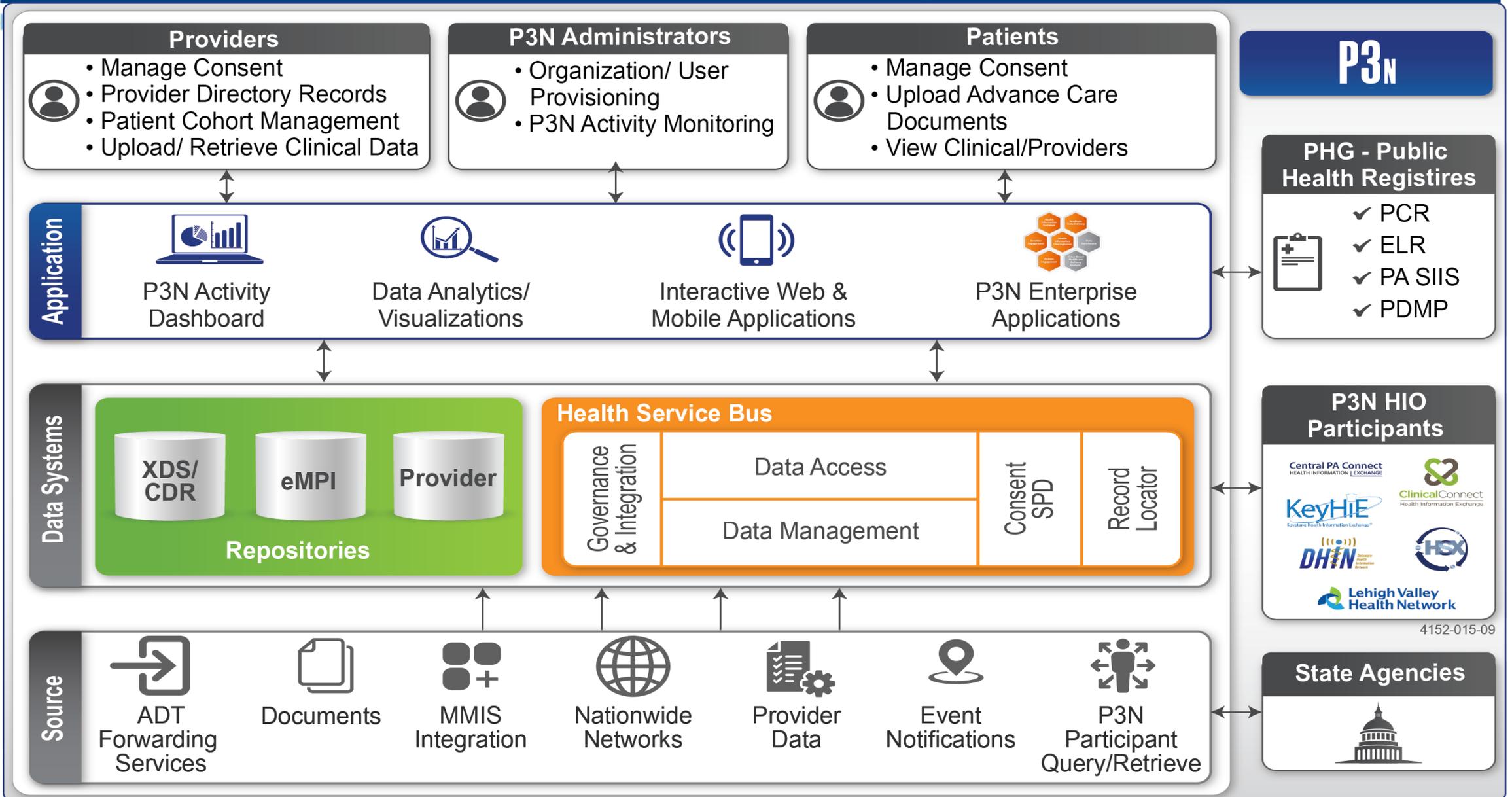
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# P3N Functional Diagram



# P3N Inbound ADTs and Unique Patients by HIO in July 2023

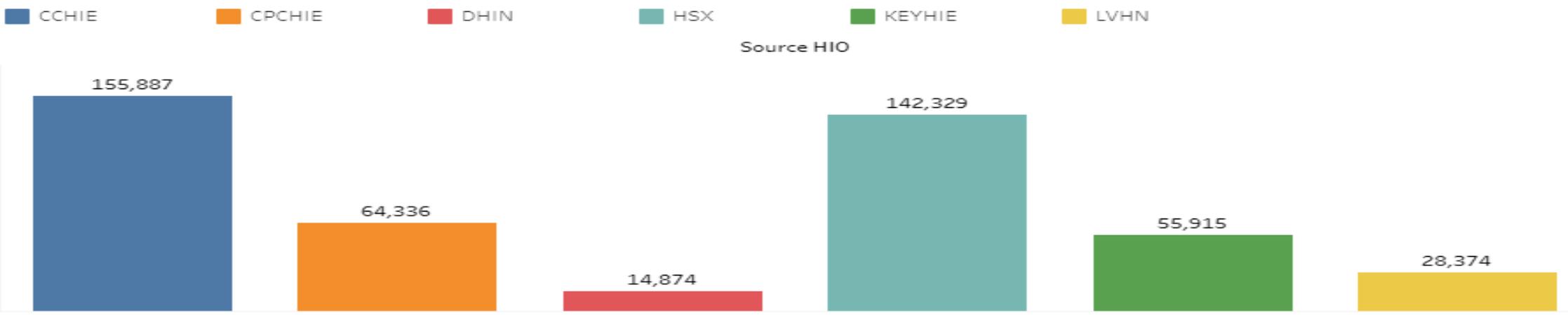
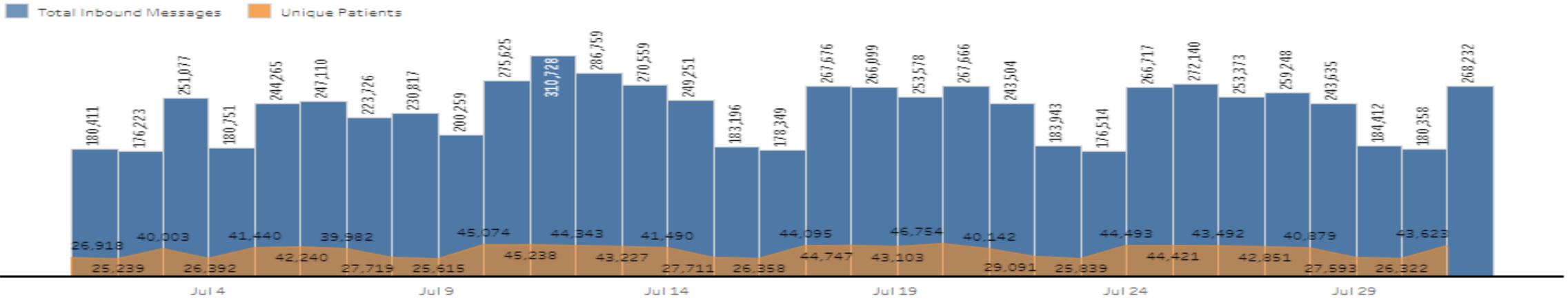
<b>Inbound Totals</b>	<b>Total Messages</b>	<b>7,276,201</b>	<b>Unique Patients</b>	<b>454,745</b>
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Inbound Period 7/1/2023

7/31/2023

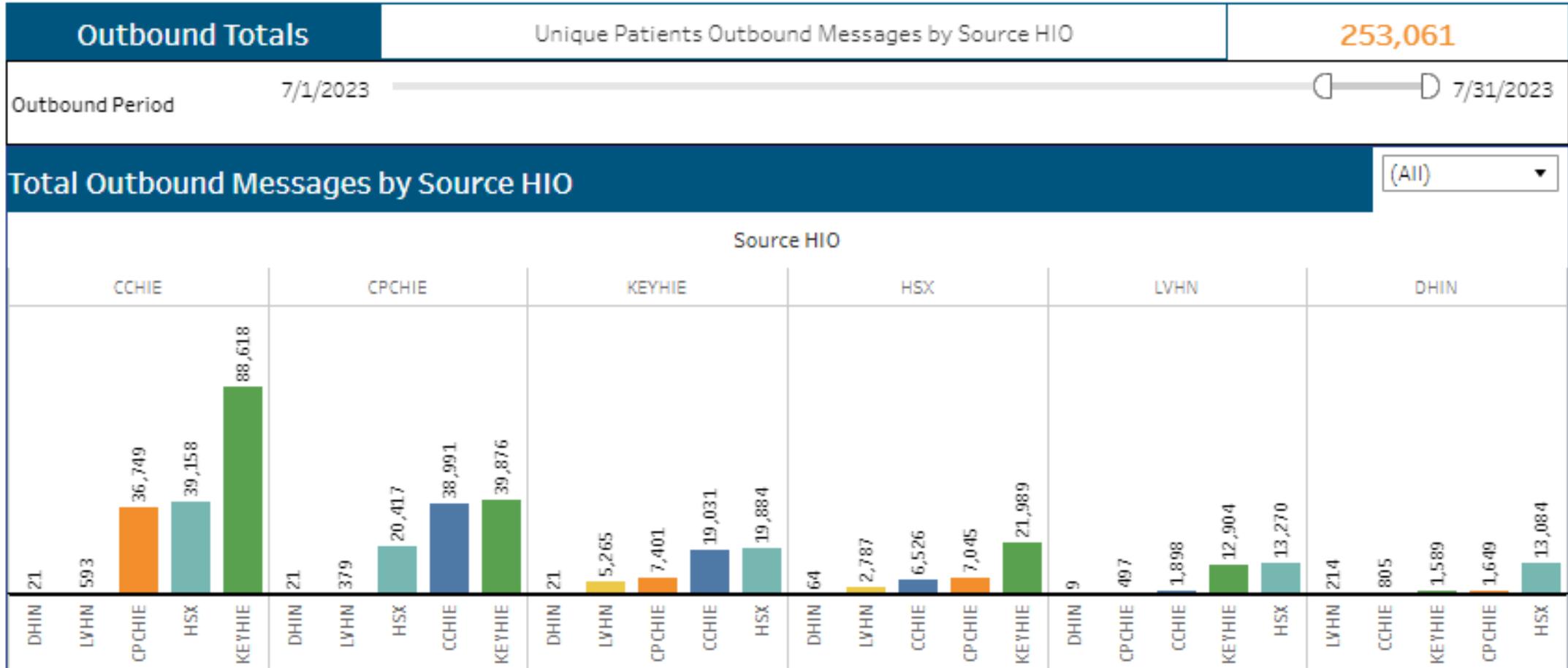
## ADT Inbound Detailed Report

Unique Patients Daily View



# P3N ADT Service Unique Patients Sent by HIO in July 2023

ADT Type  Unique Patients

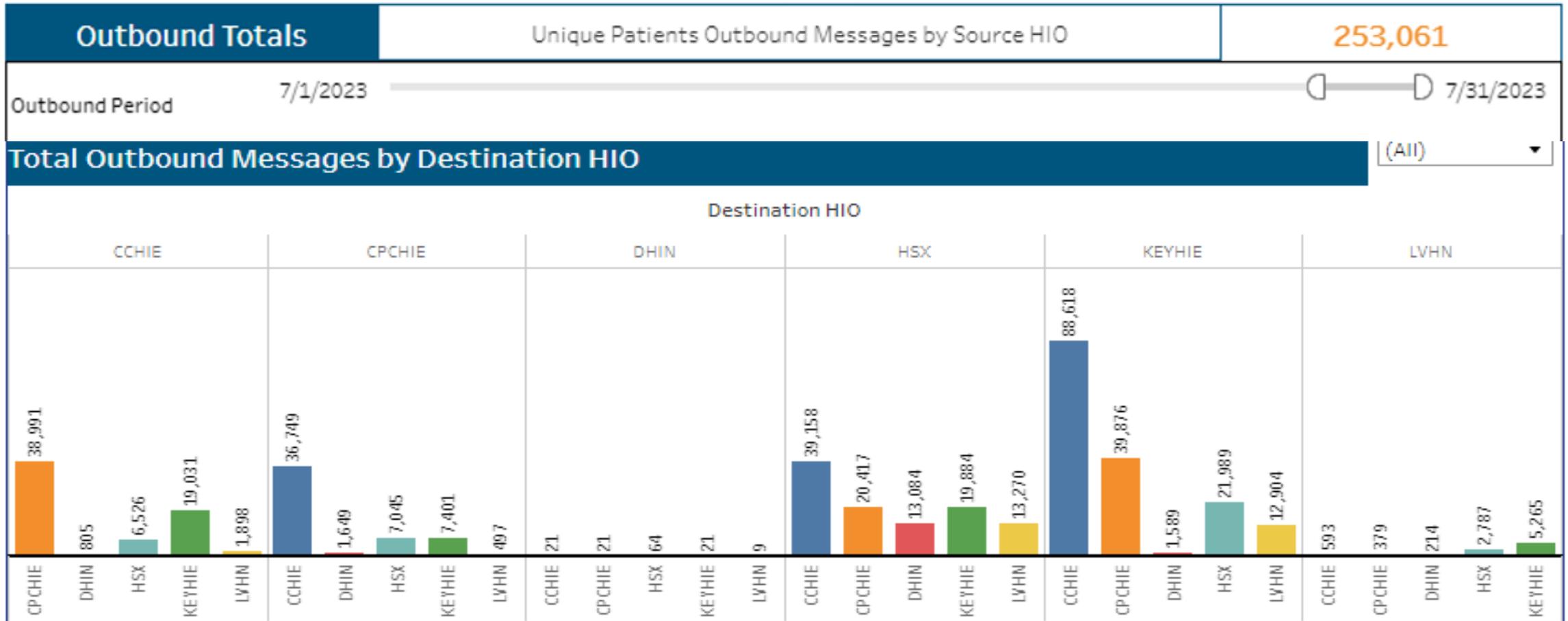


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# P3N ADT Unique Patients by Destination HIO in July 2023

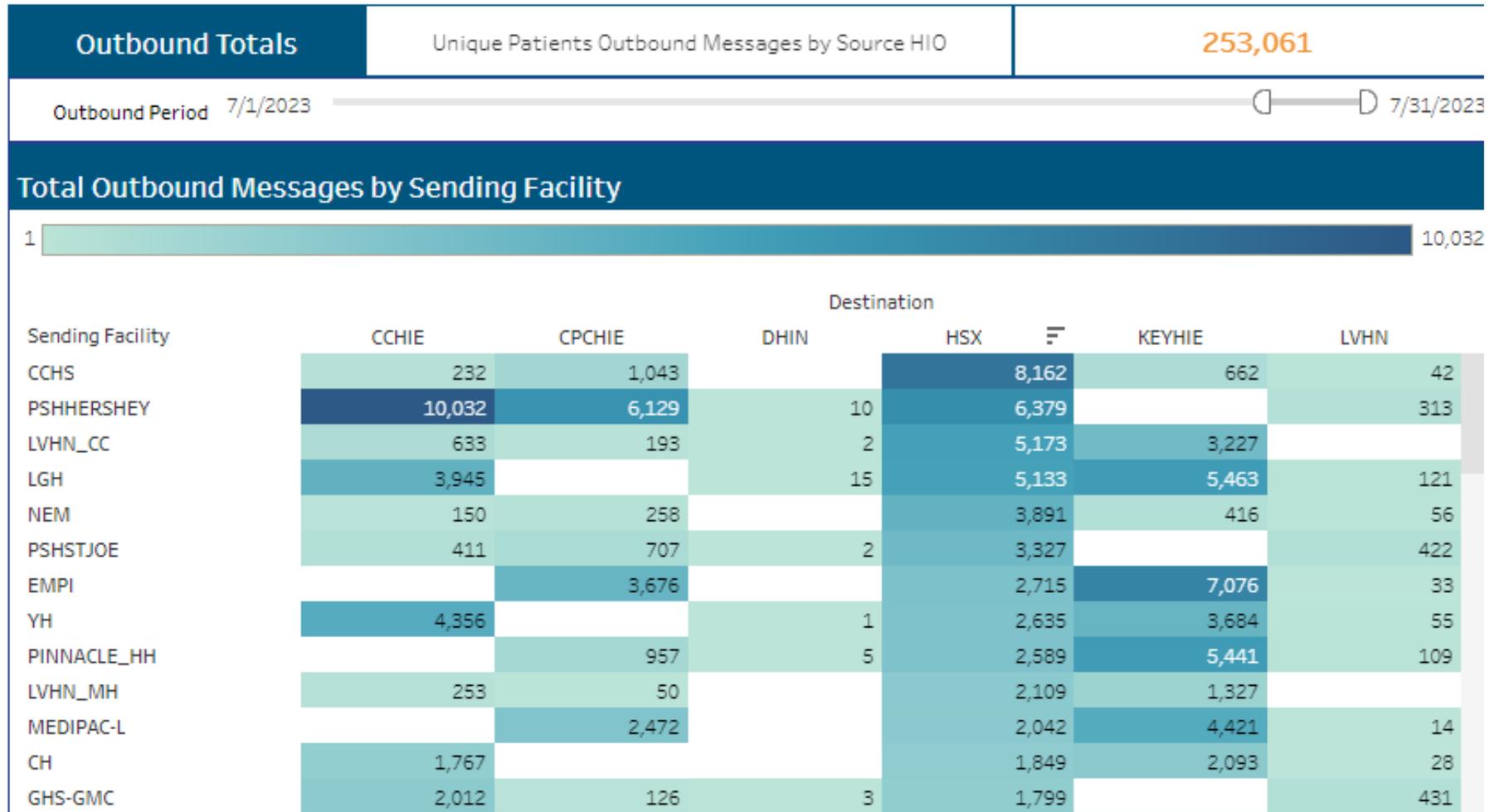
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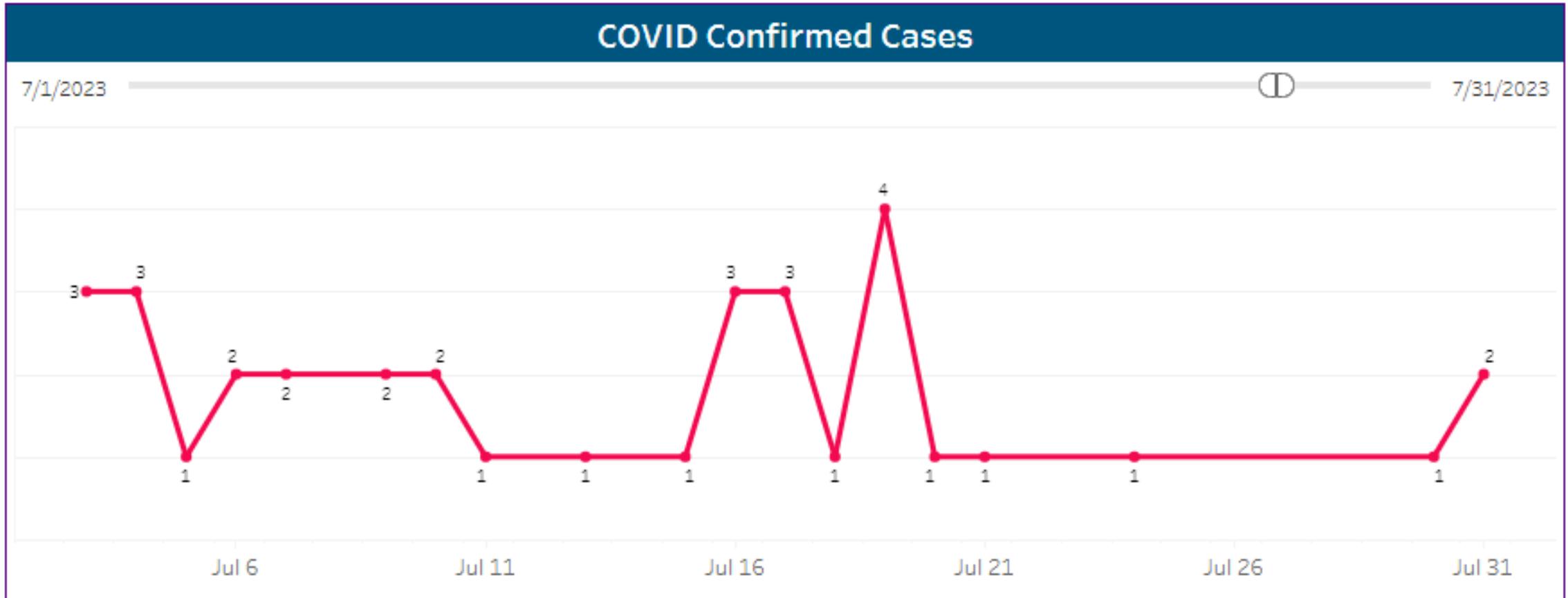
# P3N ADT Service Unique Patients by Sending Facility

ADT Type (All) Unique Patients



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# P3N ADT COVID Confirmed Cases in July 2023



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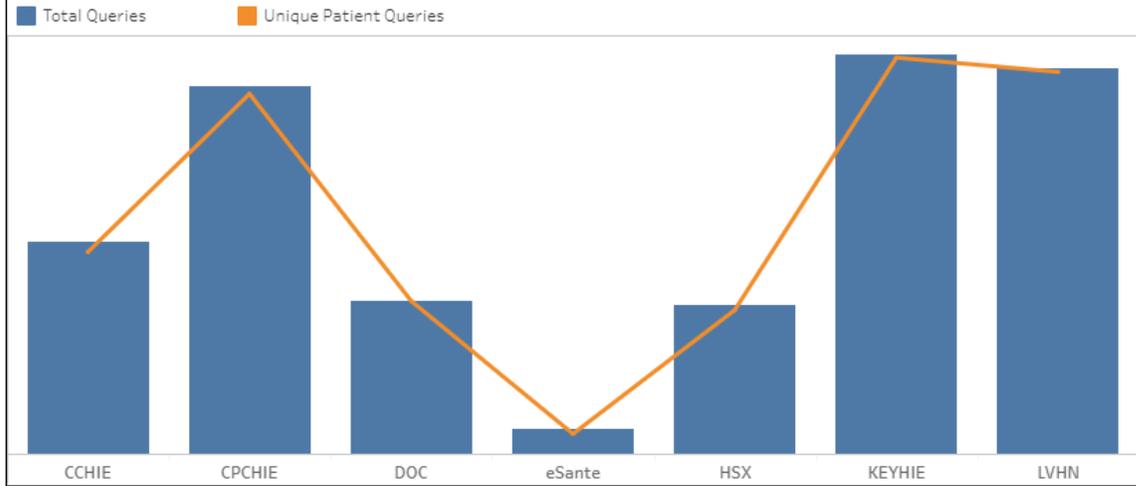
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# P3N Interoperability Report in July 2023

## Total Patient Queries/Unique Patients

7/1/2023 7/31/2023

Total Patient Queries	Unique Patients
1,431,097	1,296,497

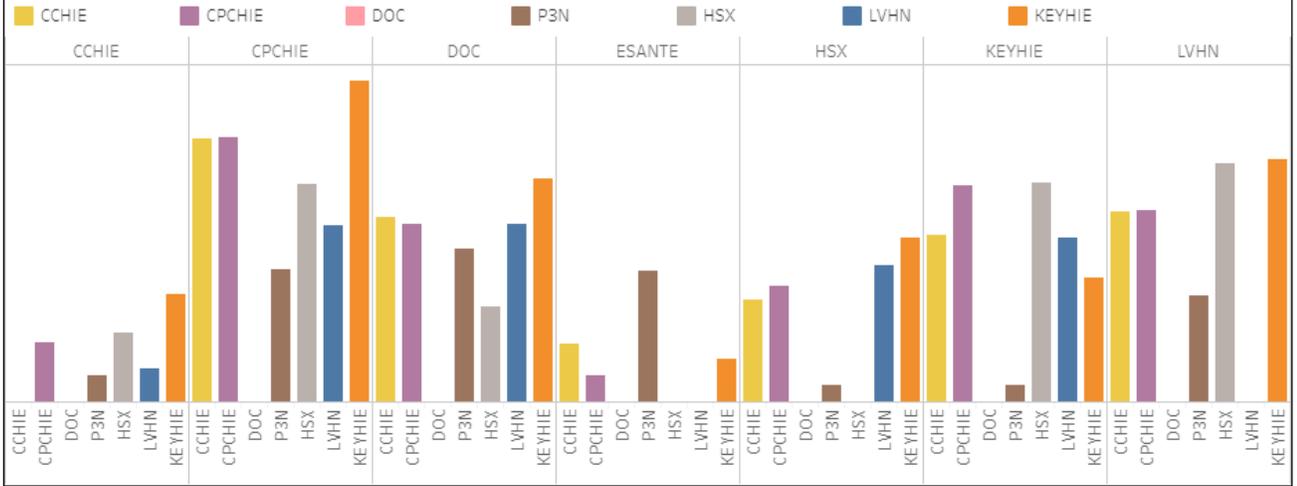


Total Queries: CCHIE	Total Queries: CPCHIE	Total Queries: DOC	Total Queries: eSante	Total Queries: HSX	Total Queries: KEYHIE	Total Queries: LVHN
7,607	301,907	1,874	90	1,723	654,309	463,587
Unique Patients: CCHIE	Unique Patients: CPCHIE	Unique Patients: DOC	Unique Patients: eSante	Unique Patients: HSX	Unique Patients: KEYHIE	Unique Patients: LVHN
5,973	255,364	1,868	80	1,511	602,739	428,962

## Total Document Queries/Retrieves

7/1/2023 7/31/2023

Total Document Queries	Total Document Retrieves
954,969	889,450



Document Queries: CCHIE	Document Queries: CPCHIE	Document Queries: DOC	Document Queries: eSante	Document Queries: HSX	Document Queries: KEYHIE	Document Queries: LVHN
152	860,278	19,524	254	1,519	20,068	53,174
Document Retrieves: CCHIE	Document Retrieves: CPCHIE	Document Retrieves: DOC	Document Retrieves: eSante	Document Retrieves: HSX	Document Retrieves: KEYHIE	Document Retrieves: LVHN
127	800,195	17,440	252	1,445	19,535	50,456

# CMS Approved P3N SMC Metrics

1. Increasing numbers of **matching** and linking rates, over time, as additional patient demographic sources and data such as previous address, phone number, and email address are introduced to the **EMPI**.
2. Increasing Medicaid Beneficiary usage over time as the **Patient Portal** is implemented and matures.
3. Increasing both Medicaid Provider and Beneficiary usage over time as the **Provider Directory** is implemented and matures.
4. Increasing Medicaid Provider usage over time as the **Provider Portal** capability is implemented and matures.
5. Over time, the **Clinical Data Registry and Repository** will increase in the number of structured clinical data and documents while decreasing the number unstructured clinical data and documents in support of a more rich, tailored experience for both Medicaid Beneficiaries and Providers.
6. Increasing, over time, the number of Medicaid Providers that can receive **super protected data (SPD)** after patient authorization, and decreasing over time, the number (percentage) of patients that have elected to not share their clinical data.
7. Identifying, over time, the number of Medicaid Providers that send messages to the P3N **Encounter Notification Service** and the number of affected Medicaid Beneficiaries participating with an MCO, as this capability is implemented and matures.
8. Increasing both Medicaid Provider utilization of the **Clinical Data Push Service** and the number of Medicaid Beneficiaries affected over time as this capability is implemented and matures.
9. Increasing both Medicaid Provider utilization of the **Public Health Gateway (PHG)** Service by showing increasing number of messages to Pennsylvania's public health reporting registries of Medicaid Beneficiaries over time as this capability is implemented and matures.

# 1. Increasing numbers of matching and linking rates...

## P3N MPI Medicaid Beneficiary Matching Report

June

Program Total  
Since February 2023

99.87%  
Exact Match Rate

Exact Matches



Near Matches



Match Gap

Current Month  
June

Beneficiary Total : 3,649,596

99.93%  
Exact Match Rate

3,642,847  
Total Beneficiary Exact Matches

Exact Matches

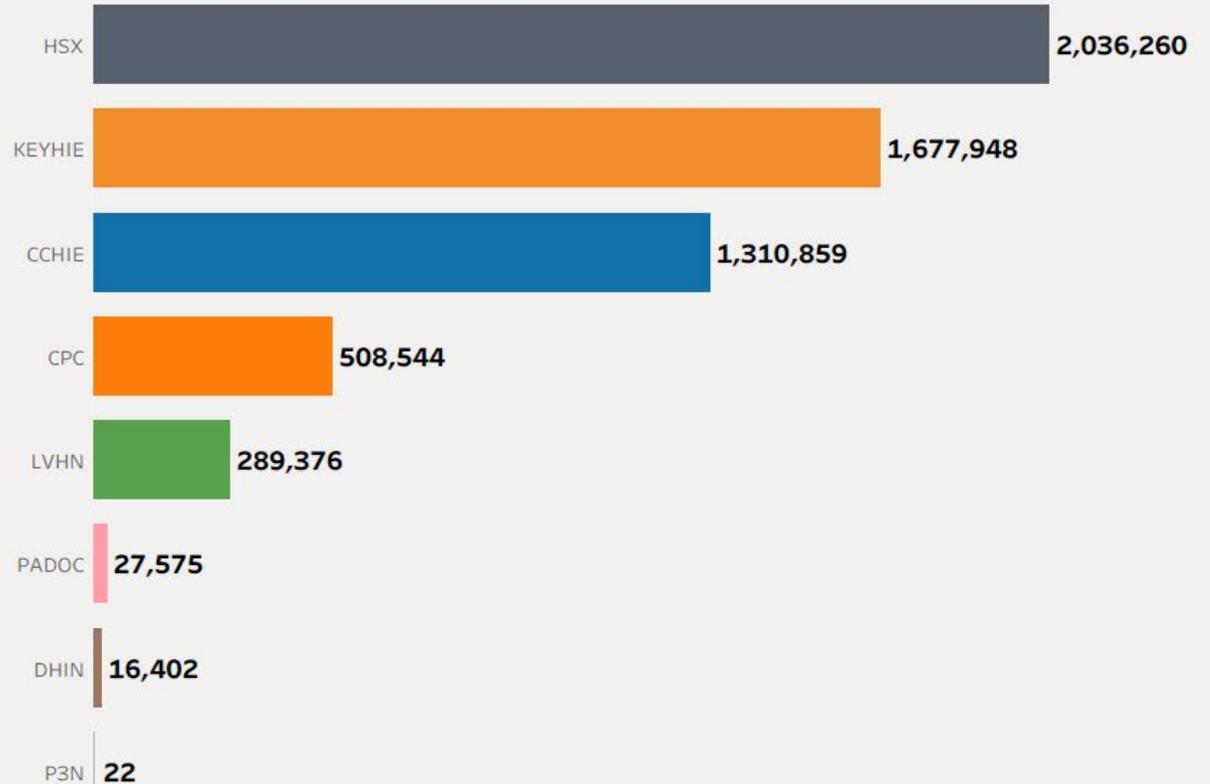


Near Matches



Match Gap

Matches by HIO



Report Includes Medicaid Beneficiaries Only

## 2. Increase Patient Portal usage over time as the ...

### Medicaid Patient Portal Report

Current Date Range: June 2023

Total Logins



Current Date Range

Total Program

Total Unique Logins



Current Date Range

Total Program

Total Actions



Current Date Range

Total Program

Logins By Age Group

Logins By Race

Logins by Gender

Information Accessed

**Note: There was no P3N Patient Portal usage in June 2023 because of challenges with identity proofing patients who use their Keystone Login to access the portal.**



# 3. Increase Provider Directory usage over time...

## Medicaid Provider Directory Report

Current Date Range: June 2023



Searches By Provider Specialty



## 4. Increase Provider Portal usage over time...

### Medicaid Provider Portal Report

Current Date Range: June 2023

Total Logins



Total Unique Logins



Total Actions



Logins By Provider Specialty

**Note: P3N Provider Portal usage in June 2023 was limited to program staff in Medicaid and the Office of Developmental Programs who do not have Provider Specialties.**

# 5-6. Increase Clinical Data and Patient Authorization...

## Clinical Data Registry Report

Current Date Range: June, 2023

Total Documents Managed

12,905

Total Program

Documents Added

1,836

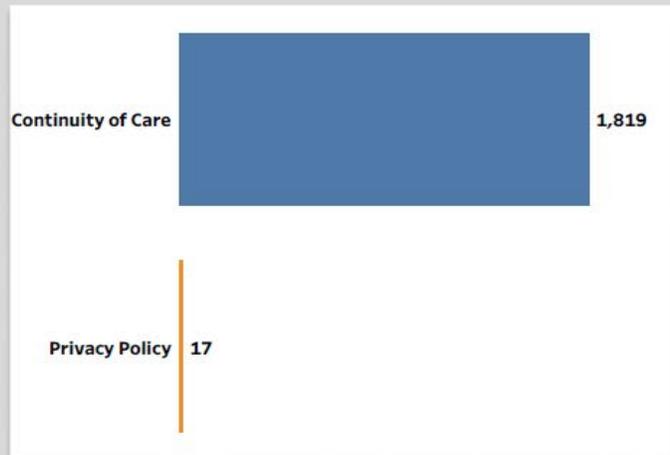
Current Date Range

Patients Opted-Out of P3N

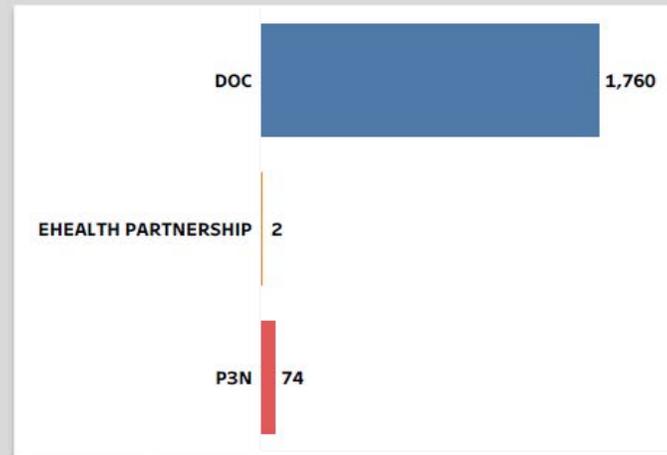
516

Total Program

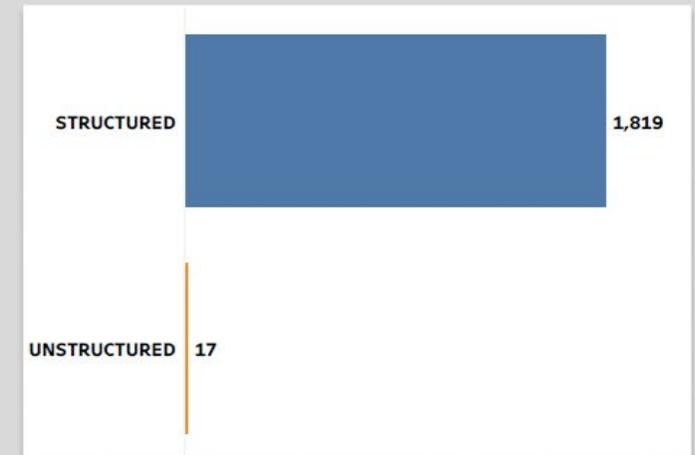
Documents by Type



Documents by HIO



Documents by Structure



# 7-8-9. Increase Alerts, Data Pushed, and PHG usage...

## Medicaid Clinical Data and Notifications Report

■ CCHIE   
 ■ CPCHIE   
 ■ DHIN   
 ■ HSX   
 ■ KEYHIE   
 ■ LVHN

### Encounter Notifications: June 2023



### Clinical Data Push Service: June 2023



### Public Health Gateway Usage: June 2023

■ CCHIE   
 ■ CPCHIE   
 ■ HSX   
 ■ KEYHIE



**Messages by HIO**

CCHIE	340
CPCHIE	127,023
HSX	1,977
KEYHIE	165,580



# CRISP Overview

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Senior Director

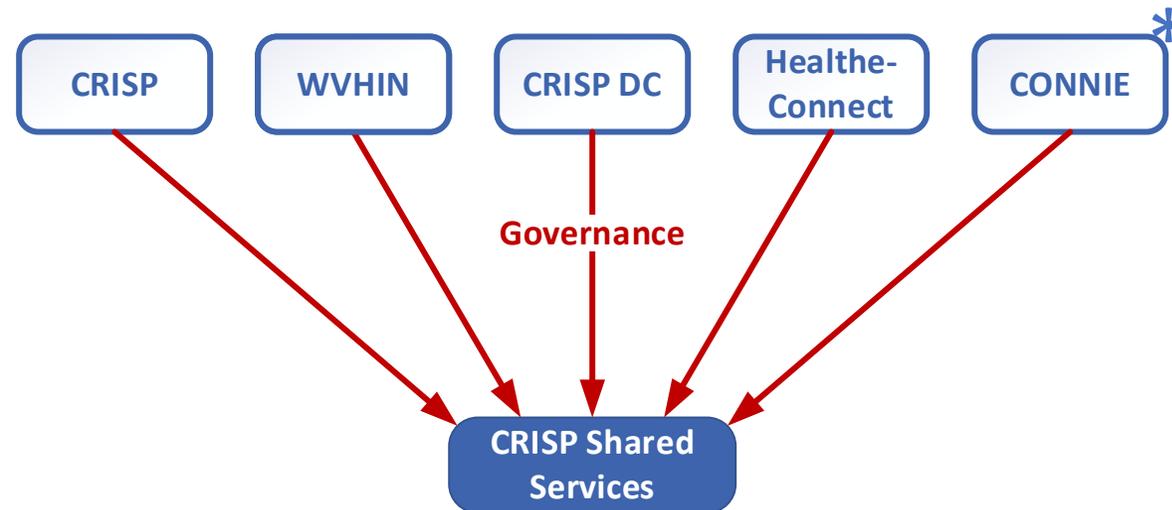
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# Structure

- *The mission of CRISP's shared services is to: **assist member organizations in achieving economies of scale, pooling innovation efforts, and implementing best practices.***



CRISP Shared Services is a non-profit support organization, with each HIE participating in governance efforts.



# Affiliation Principles

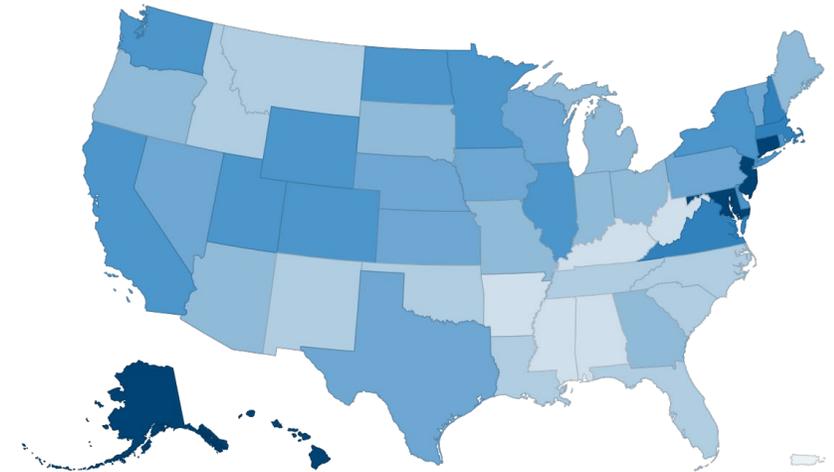
- 1. Preserve the independence of the HIEs in each jurisdiction**, such that all regions can prioritize and fund their own initiatives, leveraging the shared infrastructure.
- 2. Improve HIE technologies** available to serve all patients, providers, public health officials, and other stakeholders.
3. Take advantage of the favorable economics of sharing HIE infrastructure technologies, to **reduce costs for all regions**

There is another ... collective advocacy



# Empower the Local Jurisdiction

- The primary motivation of CRISP Shared Services is to **enable and support the local jurisdiction's Healthcare community so that it can improve health outcomes** for its patients. We've done this in Maryland, D.C., and West Virginia through affiliation. Connecticut and Alaska have recently joined for the same purpose. We've also deployed select components of our stack to other jurisdictions.
- CRISP Shared Services **works with local HIE leadership** to implement solutions which best serve the needs of the community even if those solutions are deployed or built by external vendors.



# Public Health Data Utility





# What does a PHDU Do?

## 1. A PHDU combines data to enhance data

- Public health practice **uses registries and reportable events** to gather the information on which assessments and decisions are based. The registries themselves have limitations, relying on submitting organizations for accuracy and patient context. **By combining the registries with existing clinical information and claims data**, the information available to public health can be significantly enhanced.
- Combining data can only be done by an organization trusted to hold patient identified records.

## 2. A PHDU delivers data back to clinicians in the field

- Public health may possess important information about a patient through the reporting process, but clinicians who make diagnosis and treatment choices are frequently unaware of those facts. The **public health record can be made part of the medical history available to a treating clinician** and can enhance public health interventions.
- When public health data is made available to clinicians, a PHDU does so in consistent and workflow friendly ways, in contrast to stand-alone examples of information sharing that clinicians rarely use.

## 3. A PHDU supports public health interoperability projects

- **Examples:** facilitating mandatory reporting, calculating quality measures, hosting selected registry data, interfacing with Advanced Directive registries, compiling resource directories, publishing public health charts and graphs, aggregating EMS and police reports for overdose events.
- Such projects may be considered tactical support – a PHDU brings technical expertise to the public health team, working under the direction of public health leaders.



# What characteristics make a PHDU work?

## PHDUs should be:

- Statewide, or matching the jurisdiction of the public health agency
- Officially designated through a method of the state's choosing
- Non-profit company or independent state commission, broadly governed by a mix of public sector and private sector health leaders
- Connected to all important healthcare providers, especially hospitals
- Receiving some data by mandate or from the department of health
- Held to a high level of security and patient privacy protections

# Public Health Use Cases in Production



## Maryland

- Integration with Maryland PDMP System
  - Provides access to scheduled II-V prescription drugs, alerts providers when patients have had previous overdose events.
- Cancer Registry Enhancement
  - Provide Cancer Registry team with patients who have cancer dx to alleviate 1000s of manual searches for clinical documentation.
- Public Health Investigations
  - Provides access to public health investigators who are seeking additional health information about overdose fatalities, patients with infectious diseases, and other reasons as deemed necessary by the Medical Examiner.

## Washington, DC

- Integration with Lead Registry system
  - Alerts providers when their patients have elevated blood lead levels. Links them to appropriate guidance.
- Colorectal Cancer Screening Compliance
  - Partnered with DC Health to increase awareness and compliance with colorectal cancer screening initiatives. Working with providers to submit screenings to the HIE.
- HIV/AIDS Lost to Care and PREP Medication Reporting/Analytics
  - Supporting DC Health by providing hospital notifications to the health department for certain “lost to care” HIV patients.
  - Supporting District-wide HIV initiatives through aggregate level reporting on PREP use

## West Virginia

- Neo-Natal Abstinence Syndrome
  - Work with community partners to provide an alert on the patient’s record when an infant is born with Neo-Natal Abstinence Syndrome. Allows providers to make appropriate adjustments to treatment course throughout childhood.
- Point-of-Care COVID-19 Test Reporting
  - Created an infrastructure that allowed sites performing point-of-care COVID-19 testing to report the results of those tests through the HIE to Public Health. Additionally made that information available to providers as an alert.
- End of Life Registry Reporting
  - The HIE is integrated with the West Virginia End of Life Registry which allows a patient’s end of life choices to be shared broadly to all participating providers.



# Examples of what a PHDU can do

- ✓ Enhance the race and ethnicity data on reportable COVID cases, from low accuracy to over 90% accuracy
- ✓ Deliver school absentee data to a student's treating pediatrician
- ✓ Improve situational awareness of respiratory infection trends in a region, with ambulatory encounter data and not just hospitalizations
- ✓ Notify emergency department clinicians of a patient's prior diagnosis of a drug resistant infection
- ✓ Analyze COVID breakthrough infections, matching chronic conditions flags to reported cases among those previously vaccinated
- ✓ Inform prescribing clinicians when a patient has previously experienced an overdose

By combining existing data sets, these real-world examples are achieved without adding any new reporting burdens to healthcare providers.



# More examples of what a PHDU can do

- ✓ Calculate changes in rates of preventative healthcare services during a pandemic, by neighborhood and by demographic
- ✓ Alert EMS personnel regarding an infectious disease diagnosis for a recently served patient
- ✓ Maintain an up-to-date directory of organizations registered to provide certain services
- ✓ Operate a behavioral health bed registry which publishes real time bed availability to referring clinicians
- ✓ Provide immunization reports to individual practices, showing patient-by-patient immunization status in the state's immunization registry to support outreach
- ✓ Rapidly stand-up clinician referral and scheduling tools for state managed services such as COVID testing, immunization, or infusion centers

Even for tactical projects which might be done otherwise, a state's partnership with a PHDU can bring technical knowhow to bear more quickly.



# Services



# Available Services

## 1. POINT OF CARE: Clinical Portal & In-Context Information

- Search for your patients' prior hospital records (e.g. labs, radiology reports, etc.)
- Monitor the prescribing and dispensing of PDMP drugs
- Determine other members of your patient's care team
- Be alerted to important conditions or treatment information

## 2. CARE COORDINATION: Encounter Notification Service (ENS)

- Be notified when your patient is hospitalized in any regional hospital
- Receive special notification about ED visits that are potential readmissions
- Know when your MCO member is in the ED

## 3. POPULATION HEALTH REPORTS: CRISP Reporting Services (CRS)

- Use Case Mix, Medicaid, and Medicare claims data to:
  - Identify patients who could benefit from services
  - Measure performance of initiatives for QI and program reporting
  - Coordinate with peers on behalf of patients who see multiple providers

## 4. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT:

- Deploying services in partnership with Maryland Department of Health, DC Department of health, and West Virginia Bureau of Public health
- Enabling researchers to appropriately access aggregated data and manage cohort studies
- Housing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for Maryland

## 5. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

- Making policy discussions more transparent and informed
- Supporting Care Redesign Programs





# Affiliate Services

	MD	DC	WV	CT	AK	VA
<b>Point of Care</b>	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Care Coordination</b>	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>CRS</b>	X	X				
<b>Public Health</b>	X	X	X			X
<b>Program Admin</b>	X					



# Clinical Information

HIE InContext Gilbert Grape  
Other | Jan 1, 1984

HEALTH RECORDS ENCOUNTERS STRUCTURED DOCUMENTS IMMUNIZATIONS

LABORATORY RADIOLOGY CLINICAL NOTES

Health Records

Hide Home Facility Data

Date Collected	Source	Description	Provider
2023-02-14	Washington Adventist Hospital	XR Chest 1 View	1234567890 Naicisyhp6 Znaicisyhp6
2023-02-14	Washington Adventist Hospital	CBC	99986 PHYSICIAN TEST
2023-02-14	Washington Adventist Hospital	ED Note-Physician	G0163 Naicisyhp6 Znaicisyhp6
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- In MD, 100% of acute care hospitals, 75% SNFs, 1000+ ambulatory sites contribute data
- Encounters, Labs, Rads, Clinical Notes, SDOH data, and more



# Care Coordination (ENS)

- Real-time or batch alerts to appropriate providers based on treatment and care management relationships
- Interactive user interface within CRISP Portal or messages delivered into EHRs
- ENS subscription information (a patient's Care Team) is displayed at the point of care through Portal or In-Context

**Notifications**

Received Time ▾ Newest ▾ Last 180 Days ▾ All Filters

CRISP DEMO ▾ Status: All ▾ 1 - 43 ▾ of 43 << < > >> ↻ ⬇

Name	MRN	Event Time	Facility	Patient Class	Event Type	Alert Type	Status
Demo2, Panera Male, 69 years	789098762	04/25/2023 08:12 AM	MedStar Good Samaritan hospital	Inpatient	Discharge	ENS PROMPT	Not Started ▾
Demo3, Solar Male, 68 years	678456341	04/29/2023 12:00 PM	Labcorp	Outpatient	Test Result	COVID-19 Rule	Not Started ▾
Demo2, Panera Male, 69 years	789098762	04/02/2023 10:00 AM	Cabell Huntington Hospital	Outpatient	Registration	ENS PROMPT	Not Started ▾
Demo, Gail Female, 70 years	210404861	04/15/2023 04:00 PM	WV MedExpress	Outpatient	Registration	ENS PROMPT	Not Started ▾
Demo2, Panera Male, 69 years	789098762	04/19/2023 09:05 PM	MD NEDSS	Outpatient	Test Result	COVID-19 Rule	Not Started ▾
Demo1, Coconut Female, 66 years	180034567	04/12/2023 09:05 AM	MD NEDSS	Outpatient	Test Result	COVID-19 Rule	Not Started ▾



# CRISP Maryland – Public Health Support

## **MDH Support:**

- ✓ Enhance COVID and Mpox testing data with demographics, R/E to facilitate effective contact tracing efforts – increased R/E capture to 90%
- ✓ Cancer Screening Efforts
- ✓ Health Equity Data Set – support statewide efforts to perform health equity analyses
- ✓ Medicaid support – MCO transition alerts
- ✓ Immunet support – serve as pass through for mandatory vax reporting, alleviating system performance issues

## **End User Support:**

- ✓ Deliver bulk immunization files to K-12 schools, allowing for significant reduction of administrative burden
- ✓ Notify emergency department clinicians of a patient's prior diagnosis of a drug resistant infection
- ✓ Analyze COVID/Flu/Pneumonia/RSV breakthrough infections, matching chronic conditions flags to reported cases among those previously vaccinated
- ✓ Inform prescribing clinicians when a patient has previously experienced an overdose



# Important Services for the Future

1. Consistently capturing patient relationships\*
2. Delivering public health data to the point of care
3. Facilitating data aggregation for public health analysis and for research, both state and federal
4. Enhance existing healthcare data sets with non-healthcare data – Housing, WIC, SNAP – that impact overall health outcomes
5. Serving as a utility for the interoperability activities of others
  - a. Encounter data hub
  - b. Consent clearinghouse
  - c. Social Determinants of Health

# PA NAVIGATE Project Implementation

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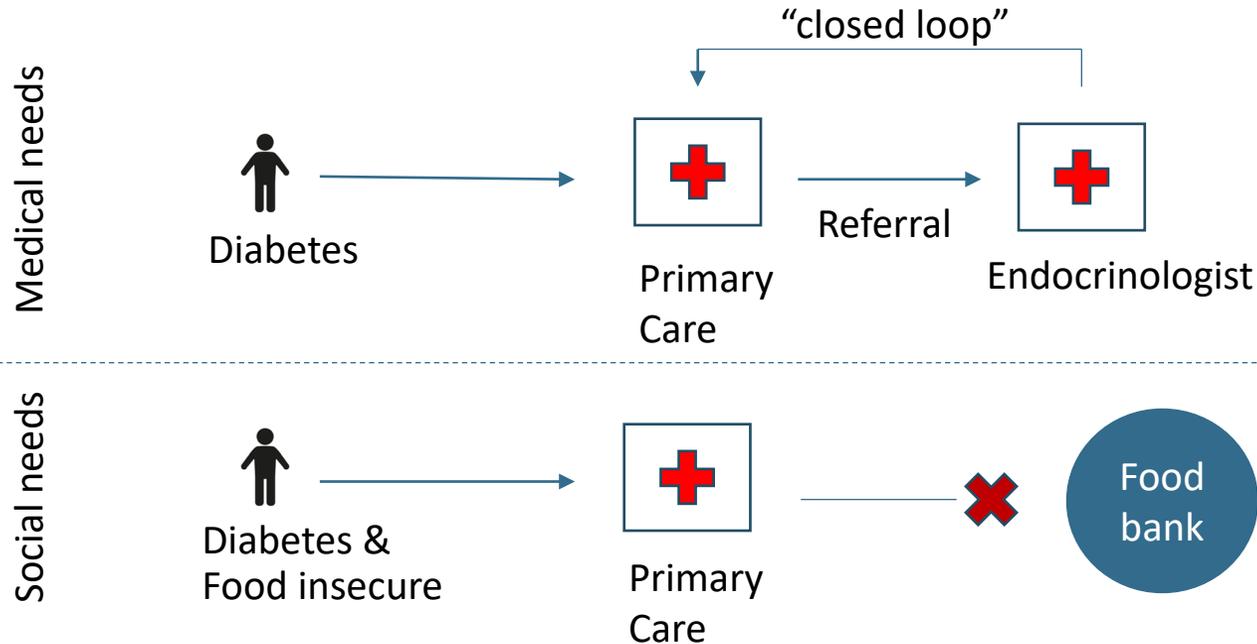
and

**Kim Chaundy**

Associate Vice President Applications and  
Interoperability

Geisinger

# What is the problem with our systems today?

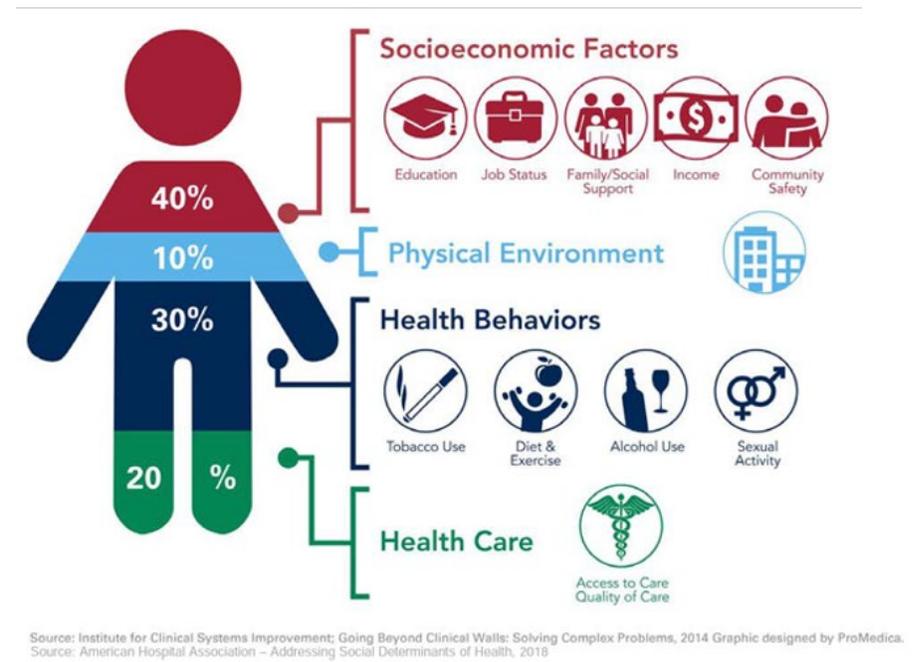


- The issues
- Community-based organizations don't know who is referred to them.
  - Providers can't directly refer their patients to CBOs to get their social needs addressed.
  - Community-based organizations and providers systems do not communicate with one another.
  - No common way to screen for social needs.
  - Agencies don't have up-to-date information on community-level social needs.



# PA Navigate Goals

- ▶ Building a Statewide platform for connecting patients to social services
- ▶ Making SDOH data as shareable as clinical data
- ▶ Enabling a Population-level view of citizens' needs and CBO capacity to meet them
- ▶ Help make Social Care sustainable



# PA Navigate Grant Program (RFA #03-22)

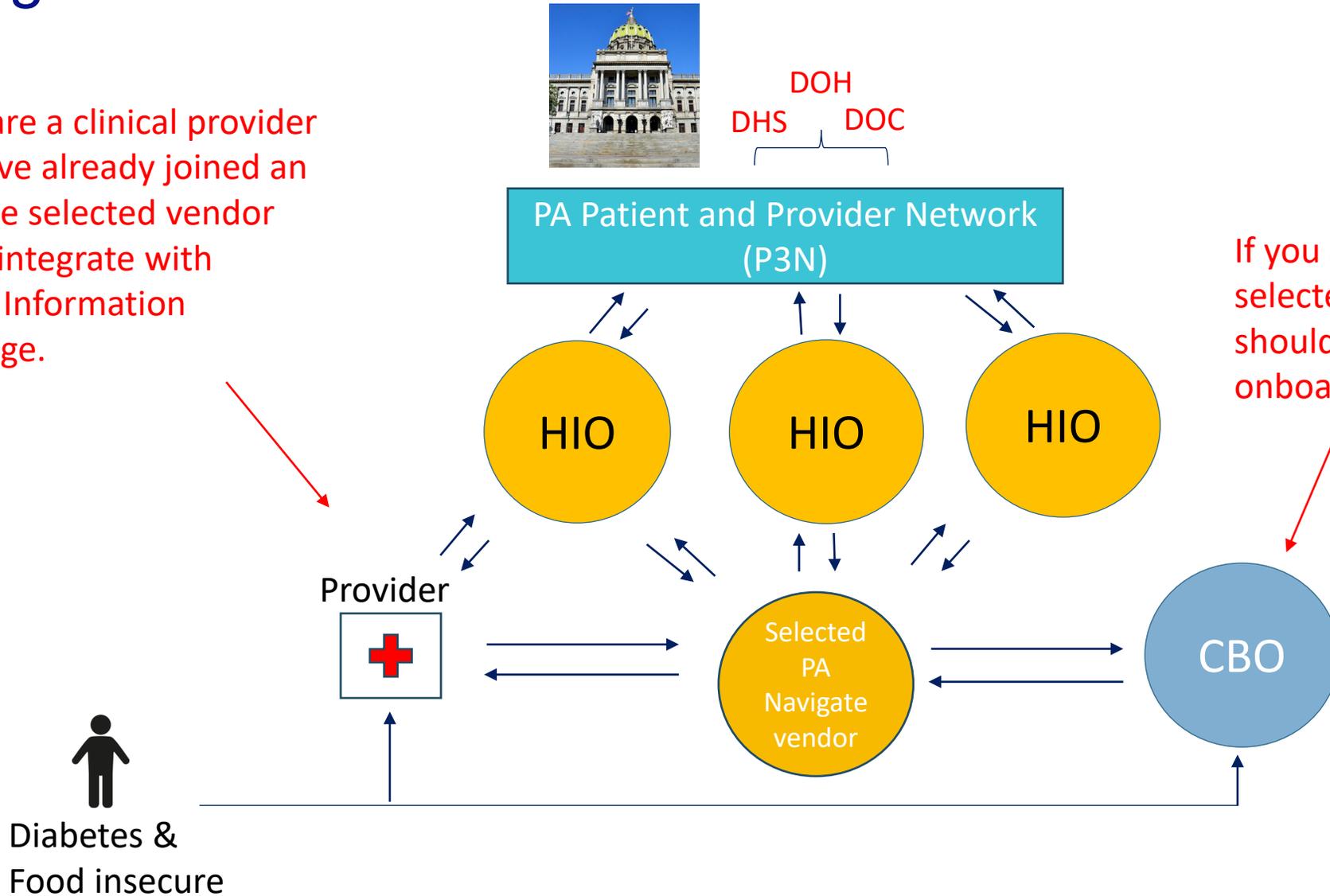
- ▶ Four health information organizations (ClinicalConnect, Central PA Connect, HSX and KeyHIE) were awarded \$15.5 million in ARPA funds to collectively procure a single, statewide, resource and referral tool with the desired functionality to do closed-loop referrals for Health Related Social Needs.
- ▶ HIOs will integrate the tool into the PA Patient and Provider Network (P3N) and health information exchange.
- ▶ The selected vendor will onboard community-based organizations (CBOs); no cost to non-profit CBOs.
- ▶ Agencies can access the tool through working with the vendor or the HIOs.



# PA Navigate

If you are a clinical provider and have already joined an HIO, the selected vendor would integrate with Health Information Exchange.

If you are a CBO, the selected vendor should work to onboard you directly.



# PA Navigate Procurement Process

- ▶ Barred from discussion between the HIO's until the final grant agreements from the Commonwealth were awarded & executed
- ▶ Held weekly calls throughout the procurement journey
- ▶ Spoke to other groups that had gone through a similar selection process to understand their lessons learned
- ▶ Settled on one person to “own” the procurement process
  - Single point of contact with vendors
  - Coordinated the group on meetings
  - Performed basic project management functions



# Vendor Selection Process

## Identified Key Stakeholders to Participate in Focus Group

- PA211/United Way
- Key Member Organizations – Providers, Health Systems and Payers
- Community Based Organizations

## Formulated RFP to Send to Vendors

- Based on State RFP
- Focus Group Feedback
- Special Needs of HIO Community

## RFP LOI & Questions

- Received 11 LOI
- Numerous Questions which were responded to by the consortium.

## RFP Received and Scored Using Established Algorithm

- 7 Vendors Responded
- Narrowed down to top 3
- *PA211/United Way was part of the RFP response for some vendors so they were removed from Focus Group discussions going forward*

## Vendor Demos with Top 3

- 3 hour demo slots for each vendor
- Included Focus Group members
- HIO participants

## Narrowed down to Top Vendor

- Updated scoring based on information presented in demos.
- Feedback from Focus Group



# PA NAVIGATE – Partnering with Findhelp

- ▶ Substantial existing PA market share
- ▶ Better integration capabilities
- ▶ Partnered with United Way of PA
- ▶ Financial incentives for CBOs
- ▶ #1 SDOH network rating by KLAS

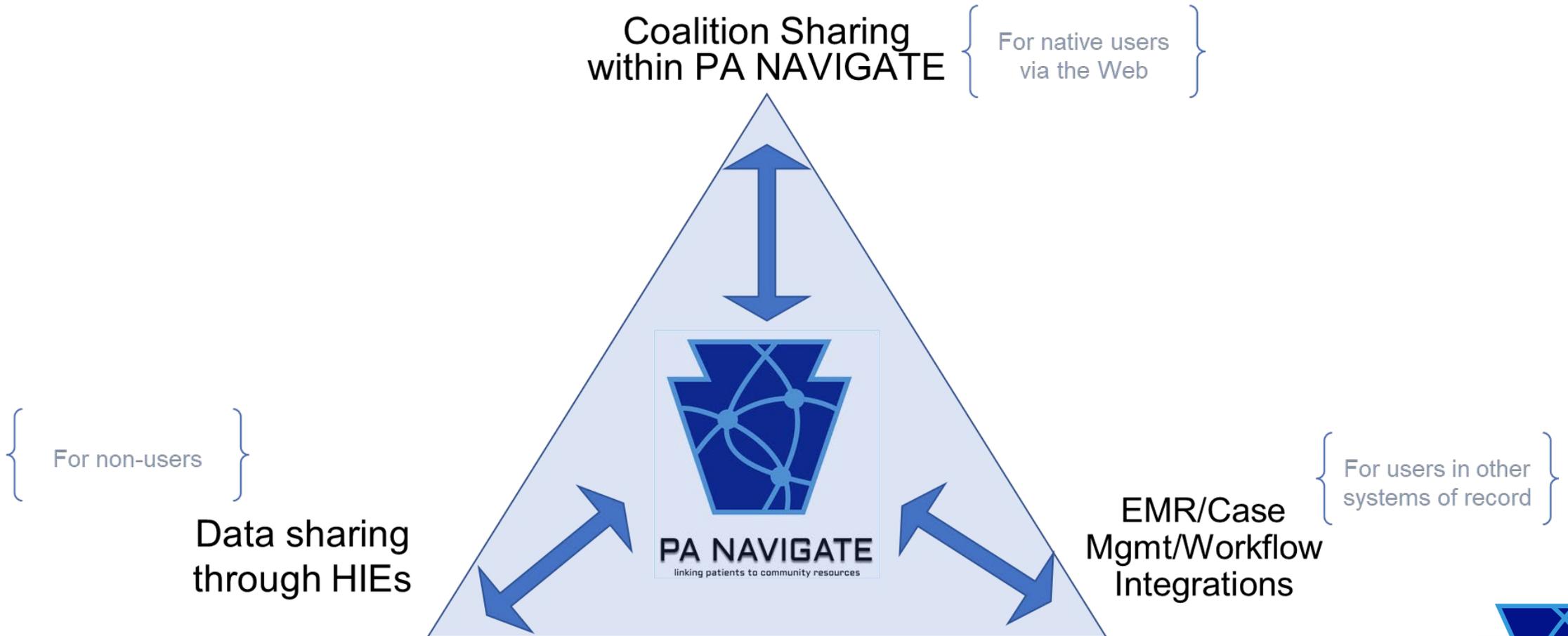


# Procurement Lessons Learned

- ▶ Partnership with already established networks (211's) is key to avoid duplicative services and “competition.”
- ▶ Key to engage key stakeholders (CBO's, Providers, Payers, etc) early in the process and keep them engaged; Rely on their expertise in the area!
- ▶ The “perfect” vendor does not exist! Focus on the 80% rule.



# Multiple Forms of Integration



# Challenges

- ▶ New domain: screenings, referrals, follow ups
- ▶ Vendors using non-standard data formats
- ▶ Undeveloped triggers in EHRs/social need platforms
- ▶ National coding standards
- ▶ No native data model for this domain in HIEs and EHRs
- ▶ New privacy concerns
- ▶ Sustainability



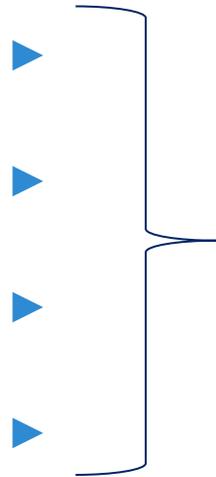
# Contracting

- ▶ Form of partnership
- ▶ Clear RFP requirements
- ▶ Expected architecture
- ▶ Performance standards
- ▶ Pro forma agreement with vendor(s)
- ▶ Post-procurement governance



# Implementation Next Steps

- ▶ Execute contracts with findhelp
- ▶ Integrating findhelp with HIO technology platforms in 120 days
- ▶ Kick-off meeting with United Way PA in mid-August
- ▶ Kick-off meeting with PA eHealth and Cognosante in mid-August



**PA eHealth Advisory Board  
Discussion/Suggestions**



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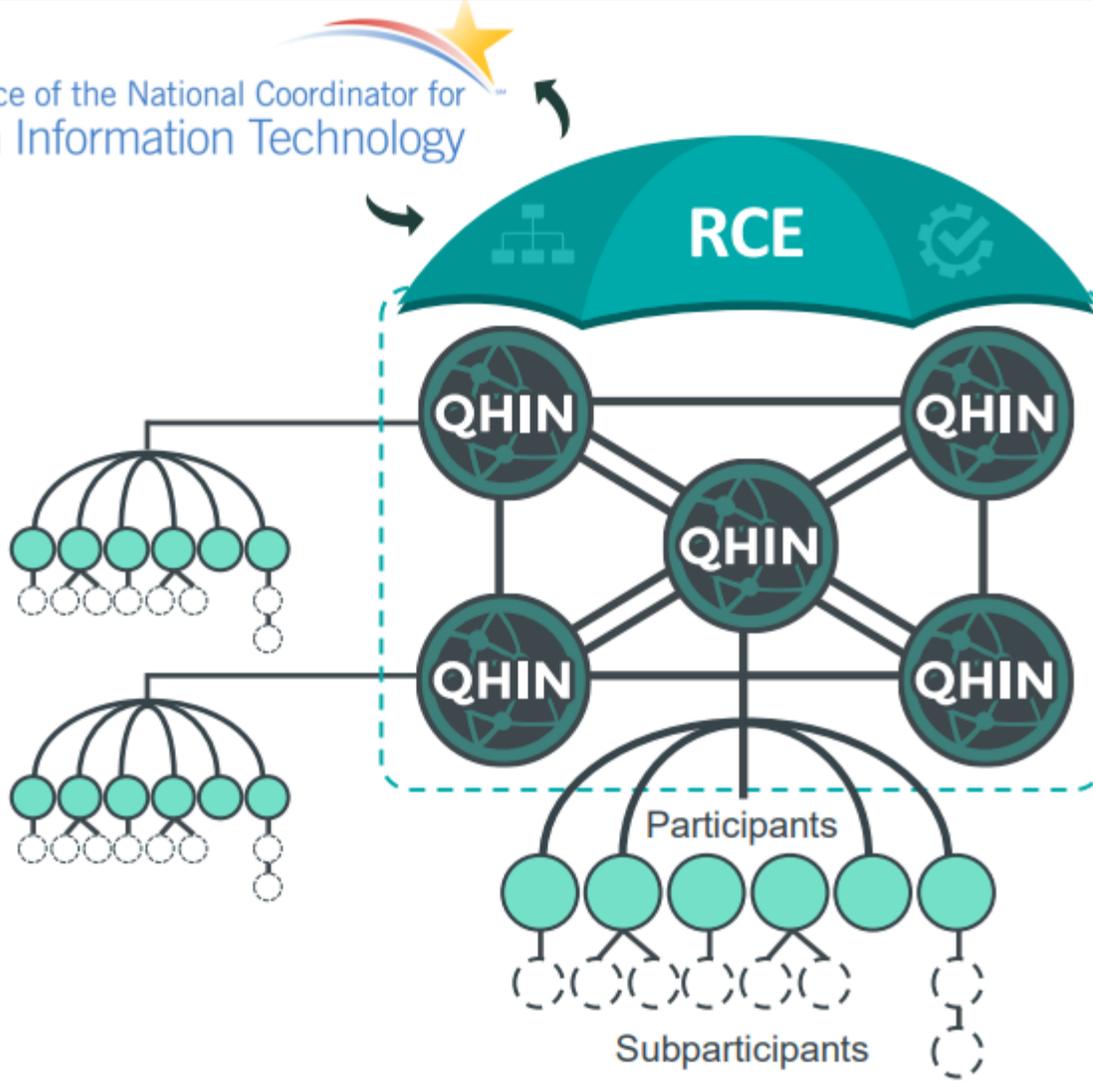
# Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement

The 21st Century Cures Act 1 (Cures Act) directs the National Coordinator to “develop or support a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.”

The Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement, also known as TEFCA, outlines a common set of principles, terms, and conditions to support the development of a Common Agreement that would help enable nationwide exchange of electronic health information (EHI) across disparate health information networks (HINs). The TEFCA is designed to scale EHI exchange nationwide and help ensure that HINs, health care providers, health plans, individuals, and many more stakeholders have secure access to their electronic health information when and where it is needed.

# How will exchange work under TEFCA?

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



← ONC defines overall policy and certain governance requirements.

← RCE provides oversight and governing approach for QHINs.

← Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) connect directly to each other to facilitate nationwide interoperability.

← Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants.

# TEFCA Components



Trusted  
Exchange  
Framework



Common  
Agreement



Standard  
Operating  
Procedures



QHIN  
Technical  
Framework



QHIN  
Onboarding



Metrics



Governing  
Approach



# Timeline to Operationalize TEFCA

## 2021

- Public engagement
- Common Agreement Work Group sessions
- RCE and ONC use feedback to finalize TEFCA

## Q3/Q4 2022

- Finalize initial SOPs
- QHIN application review
- Prepare for TEFCA FHIR-based exchange pilot

## Q3/Q4 2023

- Additional QHIN applications processed
- Establish Governing Council
- Follow change management process to iterate Common Agreement, SOPs, and QTF, including to support FHIR-based exchange

2021

Q1/Q2  
2022

Q3/Q4  
2022

Q1/Q2  
2023

Q3/Q4  
2023

## Q1/Q2 of 2022

- Publish Common Agreement Version 1
- Publish QHIN Technical Framework (QTF) Version 1 and FHIR Roadmap
- Initiate work to enable FHIR-based exchange
- Public education and engagement

## Q1/Q2 of 2023

- Onboarding of initial QHINs
- Additional QHIN applications processed
- Establish Transitional Council
- Launch TEFCA FHIR-based exchange pilot



# Seven QHIN Applicants Moving to Onboarding

## Clarifications:

- ❖ Seven QHIN applicants have moved into the next phase of Onboarding
- ❖ QHIN application will remain open, and there are others currently going through the process
- ❖ Currently, there are no Designated QHINs
  - The approved applicants have remaining processes to successfully complete in order to be Designated
  - There is no guarantee that each will become a QHIN
- ❖ There are no cohorts of QHINs
- ❖ There will be no first QHIN
- ❖ **Health care providers can only be listed once in the TECCA Provider Directory; therefore, health care providers can only be connected to one QHIN or a downstream participant of a QHIN**
  - **This requirement is likely to have a chilling affect on regional and statewide HIE if a health care provider is connected to their EHR vendor's QHIN**

# PA eHealth Strategic Plan Accomplishments

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# PA eHealth Vision and Mission (2021-2024)

## VISION

Electronic health information exchange (HIE) enables initiatives striving to improve patient care and experience, population health, and health care cost.

## MISSION

To enhance, expand and maintain the statewide interoperable system for participating organizations to electronically move health information in a manner that ensures the secure and authorized exchange of health information to provide and improve care to patients and reduce costs.

# Strategic Goals and Objectives (2021-2024)

1. Enable ubiquitous, robust HIE, while maintaining privacy and security
  - A. Expand the number and types of stakeholders actively participating in HIE
  - B. Educate stakeholders, including patients and their advocates, on the value of participating in HIE
  - C. Align health information exchange with Interoperability Rules and the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)
  
2. Increase timely access, accuracy, and availability of clinical information to support diagnosis and treatment of individuals and to improve population health outcomes
  - A. Expand HIO access to public health reporting registries
  - B. Support newer technology for access to clinical information
  - C. Promote health equity

# Strategic Goals and Objectives (2021-2024)

3. Improve upon our existing P3N services by leveraging state services and resources
  - A. Integrate P3N into the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)
  - B. Provide P3N access to state program areas
  
4. Alert patient care teams to relevant patient health care encounters
  - A. Expand the number and types of ADT messages contributed to the P3N ADT Service
  - B. Capture meaningful information from ADTs for analysis and population health reporting
  
5. Support care coordination to improve quality and reduce health care costs
  - A. Reduce duplicative or unnecessary services
  - B. Support value-based purchasing and other initiatives intended to bend the cost curve
  - C. Improve HIO access to public health reporting registries by incorporating PHG into the P3N

# Strategic Goals and Objectives (2021-2024)

6. Improve patient outcomes and satisfaction
  - A. Enable the sharing of care plans and treatment data with a patient's care team
  - B. Support telehealth by providing remote access to clinical information
  - C. Implement newer technology for access to clinical information
  
7. Optimize health information exchange stakeholders' experience
  - A. Make the data more usable in the stakeholder's workflow
  - B. Provide easy access to help when it is needed

# ➤ 1. Enable ubiquitous, robust HIE

## **Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:**

- CRISP Agreement fully executed and began onboarding CRISP to P3N ADT Service for MD, WV, DC, CT, and AK
- LVHN began sending ADTs on behalf of 11 acute campuses
- The P3N ADT Service facility participation increased by more than 30% in the past year; on a weekly basis in June 2023 the P3N ADT Service forwarded ADTs on behalf of more than 80,000 unique patients
- Punxsutawney Hospital joined KeyHIE
- RISE-PA/RRT re-branded as PA Navigate after grants awarded to four HIOs that selected FindHelp as the statewide platform that they will all integrate with to facilitate closed-loop referrals for Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)
- CPC HIE added Wellspan, October 2022
- KeyHIE added new Penn State Health hospitals
- ClinicalConnect expanded services to payer members
- ClinicalConnect added residential care facilities for people with intellectual disabilities
- National presentations at CDC/ONC Industry Days and State Health IT Connect Summit
- Implemented the Patient portal, Provider Directory, and Care Plan Registry

## ➤ 2. Increase timely access, accuracy, and availability

### **Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:**

- Awarded nearly \$15.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for four P3N-HIOs to integrate a single closed-loop referral system for Health-Related Social Needs
- Streamlined PHG by leveraging the new Cognosante P3N
- Onboarded additional facilities to PHG (Evangelical added to eLR by KeyHIE)
- New Snowflake analytics provides accurate near real-time reporting of COVID cases
- Support newer technology for access to clinical information
- New Care Plan Registry, worked on ingesting ONAFs and AAA SAMS care Plans
- eSante Provider and Patient Portals
- Condition-specific surveillance of ADTs
- Developed and deployed Tableau On-line dashboards to monitor P3N service activity and provided HIOs with access to the dashboards

## 3. Improve upon our existing P3N services

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:

- Successfully complete MMIS Streamlined Modular Certification Operational Readiness Review and began regular SMC Reporting to CMS in support of full certification
- Enhanced analytics to track services in support of Medicaid patients
- Worked extensively with Labor and Industry to use a P3N-HIO to automate the electronic gathering of P3N clinical information for making disability determinations
- Provided P3N Provider Portal access to OMAP medical directors

## ➤ 4. Alert patient care teams to relevant patient encounters

### **Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:**

- Began sharing full ADTs through new P3N ADT Service
- Standardized ADT submissions
- The P3N received more than 6.7 million ADT messages and sent more than 5.1 million ADT messages in June 2023
- New P3N Portal and Tableau Dashboards are capable of analysis by condition and facility
- New P3N tracks COVID confirmed and exposed cases identified in ADT messages
- Developing capability to identify possible child abuse/neglect for ODP

## 5. Support care coordination to improve quality

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:

- Grew P3N, PHG, and ADT Service participation to reduce duplicative or unnecessary services
- Built a care plan registry in the new P3N to support better care coordination between care teams, payers, and patients
- Worked with MA Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and P3N-HIOs to ensure MCOs are getting valuable access to alerts and quality data
- Built the capability for the P3N to ingest and make available OB Needs Assessment Forms and Area Agencies on Aging care plans
- Public health reporting and access to patient-specific public health data was streamlined through the integration of the PHG into the Cognosante P3N

## ▶ 6. Improve patient outcomes and satisfaction

### **Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:**

- Implemented a completely new robust modernized P3N that uses best of breed technology replacing the antiquated IBM P3N
- Improved record matching in the new P3N by contracting with Verato to use referential data in the master patient index
- The new Cognosante P3N includes a Care Plan Registry to enable the sharing of care plans and treatment data with a patient's care team
- Self-service analytics are now available for P3N community through Tableau dashboards and the eSante portal
- Single Sign On has been enabled for Commonwealth staff access to P3N
- Patient portal is available in the new P3N; we are awaiting improved identity proofing through the Keystone ID to make the patient portal widely available
- Deployed a public-facing P3N provider directory

## 7. Optimize HIE stakeholders' experience

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Accomplishments:

- User Experience (UX) optimization is a key component of the new P3N
- Offering 24/7 access to on-demand training in the new P3N
- Provided additional training for existing P3N users in MA FFS, ODP, and L&I
- Provided funding in RRT Grants to customize provider EHRs for deep integration with the statewide RRT vendor through their HIOs
- New P3N Tableau Dashboards and eSante portal
- P3N operations data is available through interactive visualizations rather than Excel worksheets
- Powerful data trending capabilities
- Enhanced help features are built into the new P3N
- Cognosante provides help desk for P3N participants

# Advisory Board Vice Chair Nominations

## Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Advisory Board Bylaws

### ***Section 4. Vice Chairperson.***

*The Advisory Board members shall annually elect, by a majority vote of the members, a vice chairperson from among the appointed members of the Advisory Board, who shall serve as acting Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson or if there is a vacancy in said Chairpersonship.*

Nominations for Vice Chairperson are open.

Vice Chairperson election to be held during the November 3, 2023 Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2024.

# Remaining 2023 Advisory Board Meetings

Friday, November 3, 2023, in-person at 2525 Seventh Street, Harrisburg, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Do first Fridays in February (2<sup>nd</sup>), May (3<sup>rd</sup>), August (2<sup>nd</sup>), and November (1<sup>st</sup>) work for 2024 Advisory Board Meetings?

# Public Comment

- Name of submitter for written comment submission acknowledged by chair
- Verbal comment (3 minutes per commenter)

## For further information:

<http://dhs.pa.gov/ehealth>

## PA eHealth Partnership Advisory Board:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Information%20Technology/eHealth-Advisory-Board.aspx>

## P3N HIO Certification Package:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Information%20Technology/HIO-Connection.aspx>

## P3N Certified Health Information Organizations (HIO) Information:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Documents/Choose%20your%20HIO.pdf>