

**HIE Success - Physician Education Series** 

**Health Information Exchange** 

Florida Landscape

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### Local, Regional, State and National

- HIE exists in my forms and at many levels
- Local and regional hospital systems have established capability to exchange patient information with community providers
- Independent vendors provide services to help with exchange of information
- Florida established a state-wide exchange to connect local networks
- A national network was created to connect states and federal government entities





#### Types of Health Information Exchange

- There are currently three key forms of health information exchange:
  - Directed Exchange ability to send and receive secure information electronically between care providers to support coordinated care (DIRECT Standard)
  - Query-based Exchange ability for providers to find and/or request information on a patient from other providers, often used for unplanned care (CONNECT Standard)
  - Consumer Mediated Exchange ability for patients to aggregate and control the use of their health information among providers



## State Health Information Exchange

The Florida HIE



#### Florida HIE Background

- 2009: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) applies for Cooperative Agreement funding with Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)
- 2010: Florida receives state cooperative agreement award and contracts with Harris Corp to build infrastructure
- 2011: Direct Secure messaging Service and Patient Look-Up Service deployed
- 2012: State to state Direct connections established (HISP)
- 2013: Cooperative Agreement terminated in September, collection of fees begins, Event Notification Service deployed



#### Florida State HIE Services

- Florida Health Information Exchange (FL-HIE)
  - Patient Look-Up (PLU)
  - Direct Messaging (DM)
  - Event Notification Service (ENS)
- Vendor created solutions using the FL-HIE
  - Hybrid PLU and DM Service
  - Others to come?





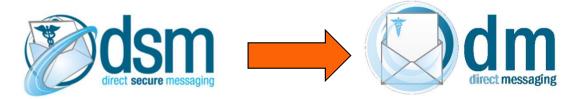


#### FL-HIE Patient Look-Up



- Connects local, regional and national HIE services through a **federated** model using the national standard (CONNECT) for patient record query and retrieval (network of networks)
  - No centralized state database or patient index
  - Each PLU participant (node) maintains its own records
  - Each participant is required to have safeguards in place
  - Each participant is responsible for vetting user access
- Allows users to search participating health care organizations for individual patient records (with the patient's consent)

#### FL-HIE Direct Messaging



- DM is a secure email service that can be used via an online portal or through Trust services for Health Information
   Service Providers (HISPs) using the national DIRECT standard for secure messaging
  - DM is a new pay-for service that replaces the now discontinued free DSM service
  - DM provides an online portal for providers without an electronic health record (EHR) system providing the capability to electronically exchange protected health information

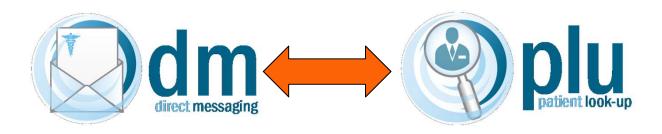


#### **Event Notification Service**



- Provides health plans with an electronic notice of their members' hospital admissions, discharges, transfers (ADTs) and emergency department visits
  - Alerts delivered to health plans via DM
  - Safeguards prevent self-pay information from being provided
  - Speeds up the existing process for notifying health plans of patient treatment at participating hospitals
- Health plans can use the information to ensure appropriate follow up care coordination
- Hospitals receiving Low Income Pool (LIP) funding are now required to participate

#### **Hybrid Patient Look-Up**



- Hybrid service provides access to PLU via Direct Messaging
   (DM) without being connected as a PLU participant node
  - Offered by Pensacola based Strategic Health Intelligence (SHI)
  - Prescribing providers establish accounts
  - PLU policies, including patient consent and auditing policies, apply to Hybrid PLU
- Allows individual providers the ability to obtain information about patient treatment from Florida
   PLU participating nodes



# Local Health Information Exchange Florida Examples

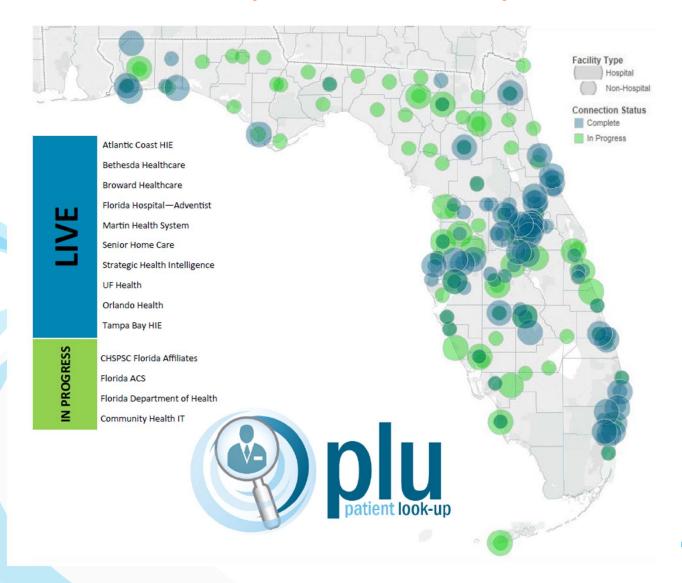


#### Florida Communities Connected

- As represented by the Florida Health Information Exchange Patient Lookup Connection map, many forms of HIE exist in the state of Florida
- Some HIEs are private hospital systems that have built local or national proprietary infrastructure to connect their facilities and in some cases local area providers
  - Examples include Florida Hospital (Adventist) and UF Health
- Some HIEs are Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) that serve to facilitate local health information exchange between many diverse stakeholders
  - Examples include HIE Networks, Atlantic Coast HIE, TB RHIO
- Some HIEs have built specific capability to support health information exchange regionally or statewide
  - Examples include Community Health IT and Strategic Health



## FL HIE Network of Networks PLU Participants as of April 2016







### Have Questions?

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