



November 30, 2017

To: CCHIE Participant

Re: Joint Communication from CCHIE and NCHIEA on meeting the state mandate

Based upon current [state law](#), all health care providers who receive State funds for the provision of medical services (e.g. Medicaid, Health Choice, State Health Plan) must have a solution to submit data to NC HealthConnex by certain dates in 2018 and 2019 in order to continue to receive payments for services provided. These regulatory requirements are driven by an overall strategy to improve patient care while also lowering cost. We appreciate your steadfast support and early action to support interoperability in North Carolina.

Understanding that health care is best served regionally, we would like to offer you the option to consider meeting the state mandate through a direct connection with CCHIE. Currently, Coastal Connect HIE (CCHIE) is in the technical onboarding phase for connection with NC HealthConnex - the State-designated Health Information Exchange (HIE). If you are not currently a data contributor to the CCHIE, you would work directly with CCHIE to create this integration. For those that are current participants / contributors to CCHIE, you would simply work with CCHIE and your EHR vendor to create this integration. If you are not currently a CCHIE participant, you would need to execute a participation agreement to begin the process. It is important to note that at this time, CCHIE has signed a Submission Only agreement with the NC HIEA which means that CCHIE's connection to the State achieves meeting the mandate for its data contributors. This clinical data submitted to the State will be available in near, real time to full participants in the NC HealthConnex Network for the purpose of patient care.

"Coastal Connect HIE's connection with NC HealthConnex will be another big step in our ongoing collaboration to support improved health care throughout the state. We are excited to continue advancing health care technology to better serve the patients in our communities," Yvonne Hughes, CEO, Coastal Connect HIE.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to either Yvonne Hughes, CEO of CCHIE, yhughes@coastalalliance.org or Christie Burris, NC HIEA Acting Director, christie.burris@nc.gov with any questions you may have regarding your best path forward.

If you are currently a data contributor to CCHIE, confirmation is needed from the practice administrator for CCHIE to submit your Medicaid and State Health Plan patient data to the state. For questions or to send a confirmation email, please contact Patty Lewis at plewis@coastalalliance.org.