

NRHI Supports the Move to Data Sharing for Better Care

PORTLAND, Maine. – *January 30, 2015* – The [Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement](#) (NRHI), a leader in transforming U.S. health care through community-based, multi-stakeholder, public-private efforts, supports the move to data sharing for better care as articulated in the Office of the National Coordinator’s (ONC’s) Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap. This roadmap outlines the implementation of how government in collaboration with the private sector should approach sharing electronic health information and addresses the collaborative impact of all stakeholders in advancing interoperability.

“The ability to access and share meaningful data will enable [payment and delivery system reform](#) for better care at lower cost. Data and information are foundational to improving care. Too often data is not shared effectively across organizations, leaving critical gaps in information that providers need to care for patients and reduce unnecessary services,” says Elizabeth Mitchell, President & CEO, NRHI.

The Roadmap also recognizes the critical role of regional multi-stakeholder efforts in enhancing appropriate and effective data sharing. “Many communities across the country have existing Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives (RHICs) with rich data resources that are an ideal mechanism for developing coordinated, multi-stakeholder solutions to their healthcare cost and quality challenges. These Collaboratives can be the vital link in this nationwide learning system,” says Craig Brammer, CEO, the Health Collaborative.

[Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives](#) bring together all of the stakeholders in the healthcare system (providers, payers, consumer and employers) and provide a neutral, trusted mechanism through which the community can plan, facilitate and coordinate many of the different activities that are required for a successful transformation of healthcare. Many of these Collaboratives provide public reporting of cost, quality and patient-experience data to empower individuals with timely and accurate information.

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