



N.C. Department of Health  
and Human Services

# **Community Care of North Carolina and the Health Information Exchange**

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# **Session Law 2012-382/HB 834**

## **Section 14.1 § 90-413.3A(b)**

“...any hospital, as defined in G.S. 131E-76(c), that has an electronic health record system shall connect to the NC HIE [North Carolina Health Information Exchange] and submit individual patient demographic and clinical data on services paid for with Medicaid funds.”



## **Session Law 2013-363/ HB 112**

Section 4.18 modifies the language of SL 2013-382 above to add, “The NC HIE shall give the Department of Health and Human Services real-time access to data and information contained in the NC HIE” and replaces a specific effective date in SL 2013-392 (Jan.y 1, 2014) with two conditions that must be satisfied before the law becomes effective:

- (1) The Department of Health and Human Services and the NC HIE shall execute an agreement regarding the utilization and sharing of data and information contained in the HIE Network, which shall be in a manner that complies with the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended (HIPAA), the rules adopted under HIPAA, and any other applicable federal laws.
- (2) The Department of Health and Human Services and the NC HIE shall jointly submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committees on Information Technology and Health and Human Services on the agreement described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.



# History of NC HIE

2009

**July**

- Gov. Perdue issues Executive Order 19 designating the North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund Commission, through its North Carolina Health Information Technology Collaborative as the State-Designated Entity to apply for HITECH funds.

2010

**December**

- Gov. Perdue issues Executive Order 73 rescinding Executive Order 19 and designating NC HIE as the State-Designated Entity to apply for HITECH funds.

2012

**October**

- NC HIE board accepted merger proposal from North Carolina Community Care Networks, Inc. (N3CN)

**December**

- Gov. Perdue granted permission for “the transfer of control of the NC HIE to Community Care of North Carolina.”

2013

**January**

- Adopted Revised and Restated Bylaws making N3CN the sole Corporate Member

**December**

- Governor Perdue issues Executive Order 73 rescinding Executive Order 19

2014

**January**

- NC HIE extended invitations to diversify board membership



## Updates and Next Steps

- DHHS held a forum on March 6<sup>th</sup> that hosted hospital officials from across the state to discuss NC HIE
- CCNC/NCHIE & DHHS will make a joint recommendation to the General Assembly during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of SFY 2014