



Georgia Health Information Exchange

DCH GHIE Town Hall

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David A. Cook, Commissioner

Nathan Deal, Governor

Georgia Department of Community Health Receives Approval for Statewide Health Information Exchange

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Atlanta - The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is pleased to announce that it has received final approval for the Statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The approval activates a \$13 million federal grant in support of the exchange.

"Health care transformation is one of our top initiatives at DCH," said David Cook, DCH Commissioner. "The statewide health information exchange will enable better decision making, enhance the continuity of care, help reduce care costs and stimulate economic development."

Georgia's statewide HIE will improve access to clinical data to provide efficient and effective patient-centered care. Goals for the HIE include:

- Enable prompt access to critical health information by providers
- Support the meaningful use of electronic health record technology throughout Georgia
- Protect the privacy and security of personal health information
- Strengthen the continuity and coordination of care
- Reduce health care costs by minimizing duplicate testing and services

"This will be a statewide HIE, not a state-run HIE," said Ruth Carr, the State Health Information Technology (HIT) Coordinator and Senior Deputy General Counsel for DCH. "Thanks to the work of DCH's Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board and everyone committed to improving our state's health care delivery, we will make the right information available at the right place at the right time. We will be able to provide better care anywhere in Georgia."

Created through a public-private collaborative of health care stakeholders throughout Georgia, the statewide HIE will be governed by the Georgia Health Information Exchange, Inc. (GHIE), a nonprofit corporation. GHIE's mission is to facilitate the secure electronic exchange of health information to improve public health, quality of care and health care efficiency.

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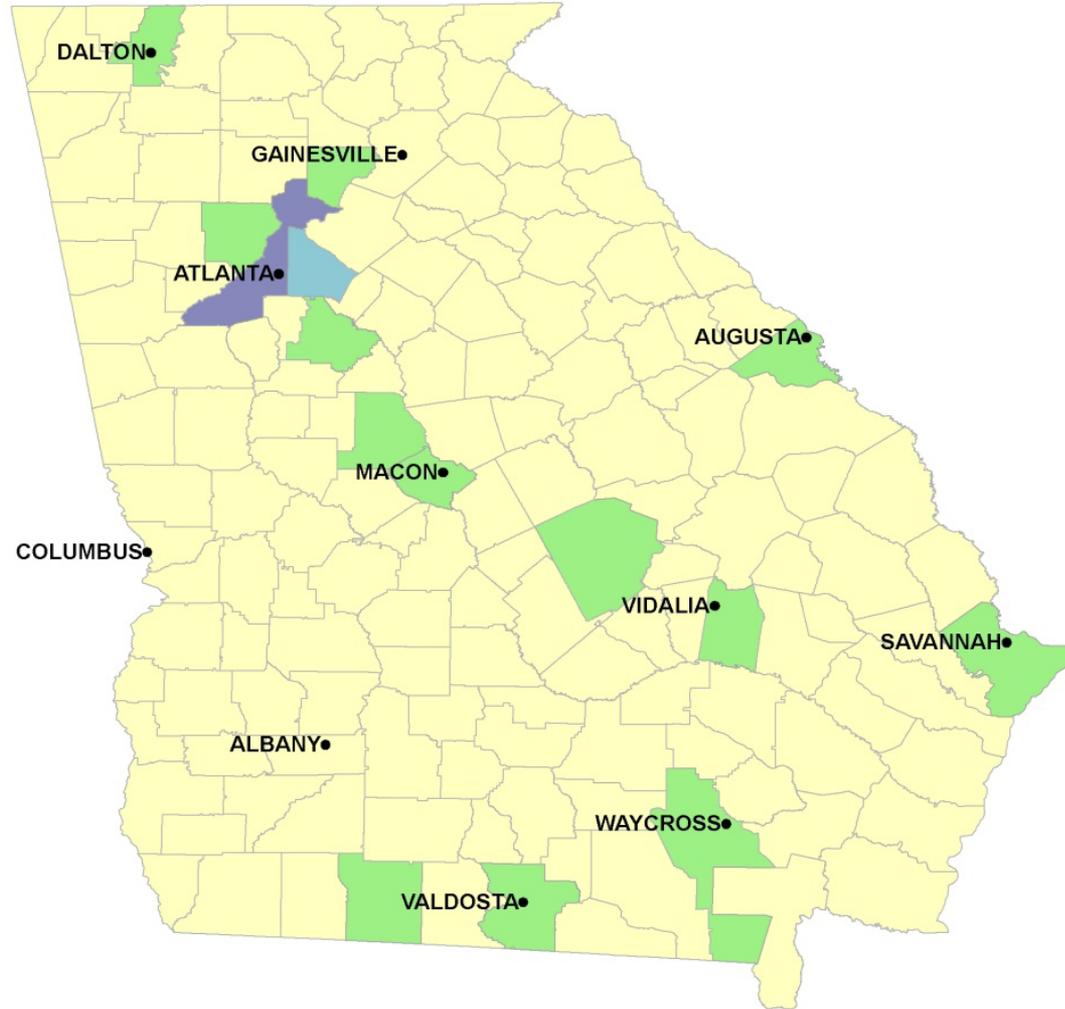
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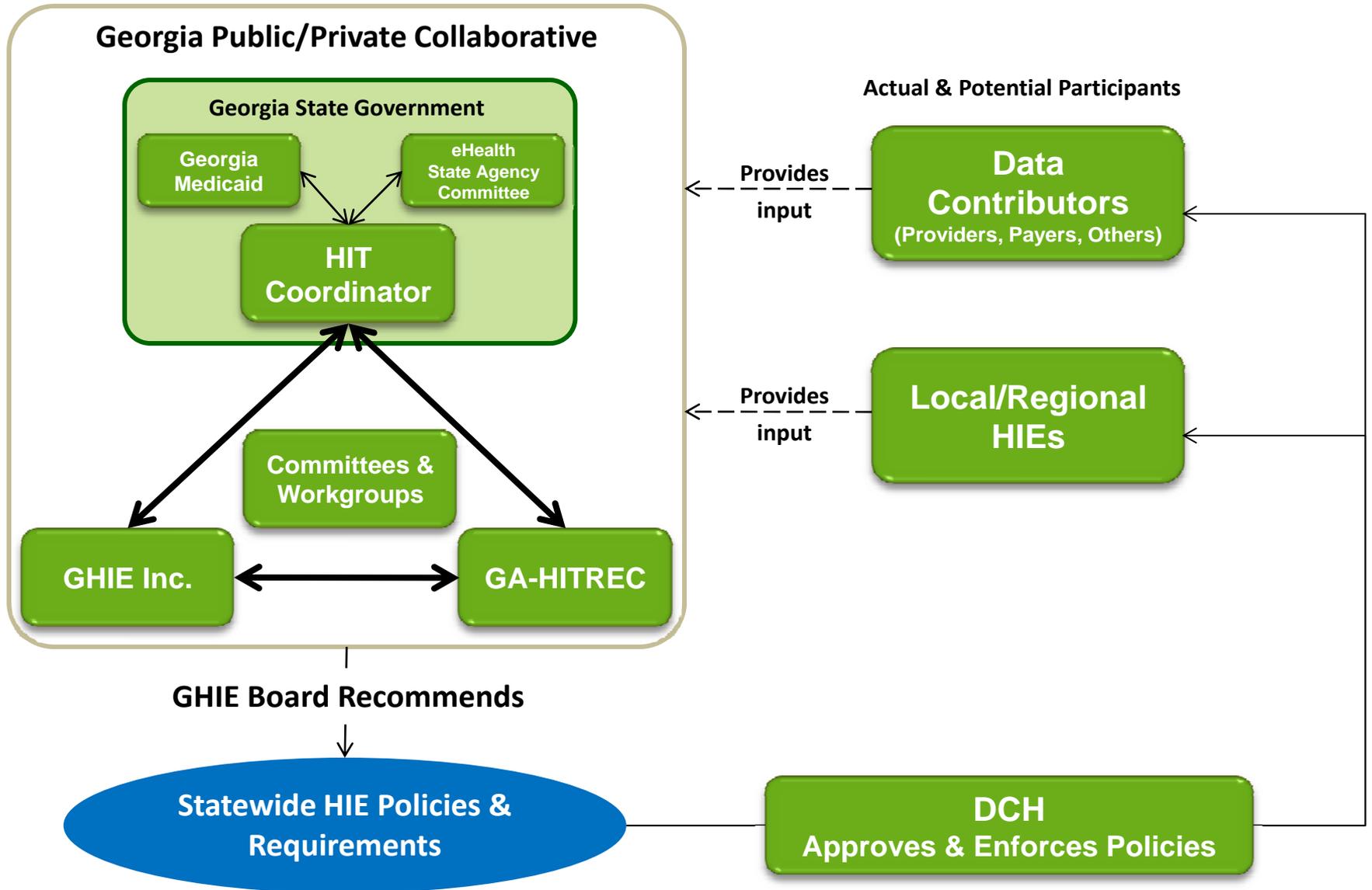
Advisory

Service Area HIEs	Duane Kavka – Operational Experience
Clinical	David Hefner – Use Cases, Quality Measures, Participation
Secondary Use	Public Health, Biosurveillance

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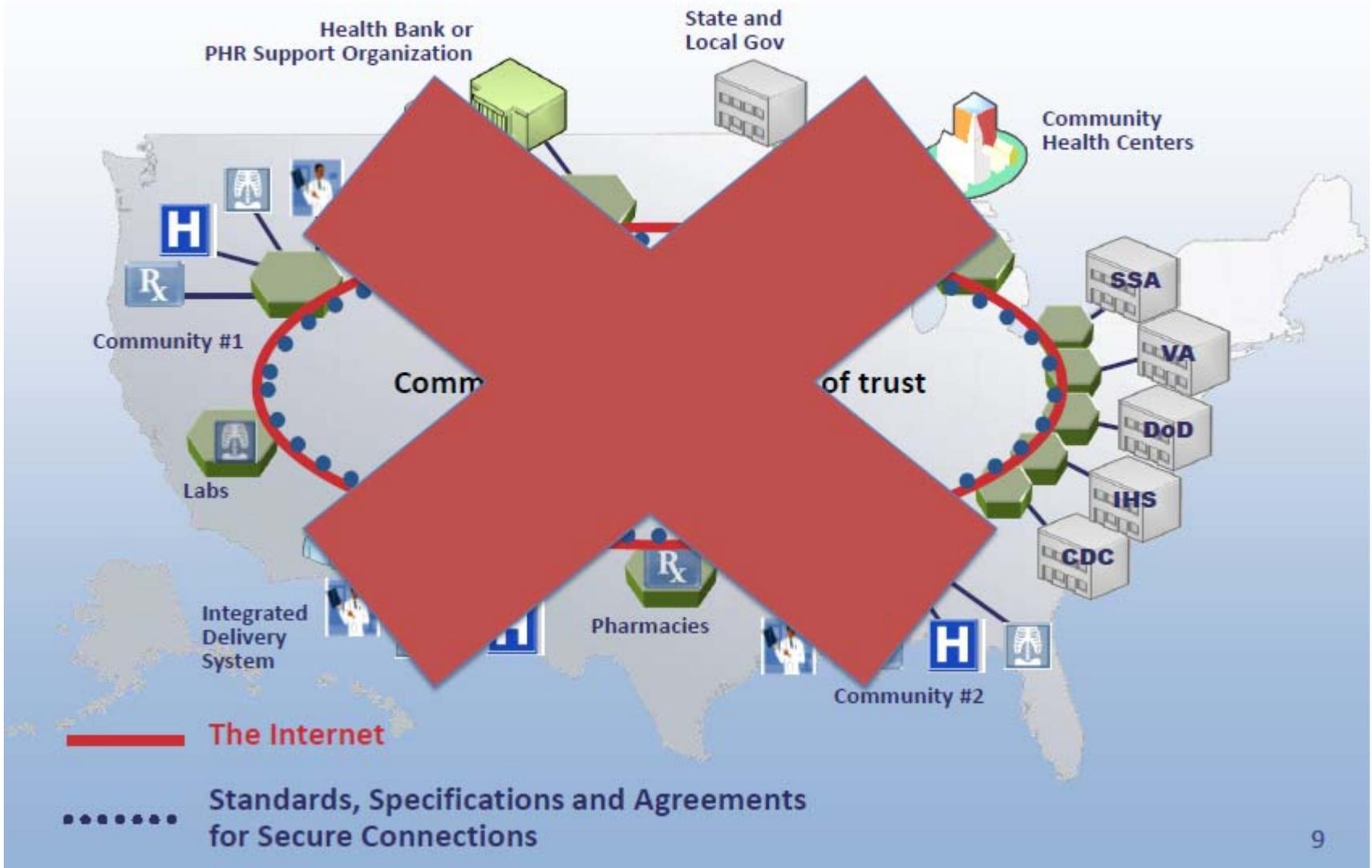
Georgia HIE Governance Structure



The Nationwide Health Information Network



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The Meeting at Harvard on a

Health Information Technology Platform

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Health Information Technology Platform
September 29-30, 2009

**“The government has a vision of turning the NHIN into
the Health Internet ...” Todd Park, CTO HHS**

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT REALIZING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE FOR AMERICANS: THE PATH FORWARD

“PCAST Report”
December 2010



“data stored in a distributed fashion...retrieve and
transmit data elements in response to qualified user queries,
in much the same way that Internet search engines index data
on the web and assemble data elements in response to queries” (page 55)

Policy moves toward an Internet like environment

Evolving conception of the role of state HIE program

Putting the I in HealthIT 
www.HealthIT.gov

Prior Assumption

- One state-run HIE network serving majority of exchange needs of the state
- Focus on developing query-based exchange

Current

- There will be multiple exchange networks and models in a state
- Key role of the state HIE program is to catalyze exchange in state by reducing costs of exchange, filling gaps and assuring common baseline of trust and interoperability, building on the market and focusing on stage one meaningful use

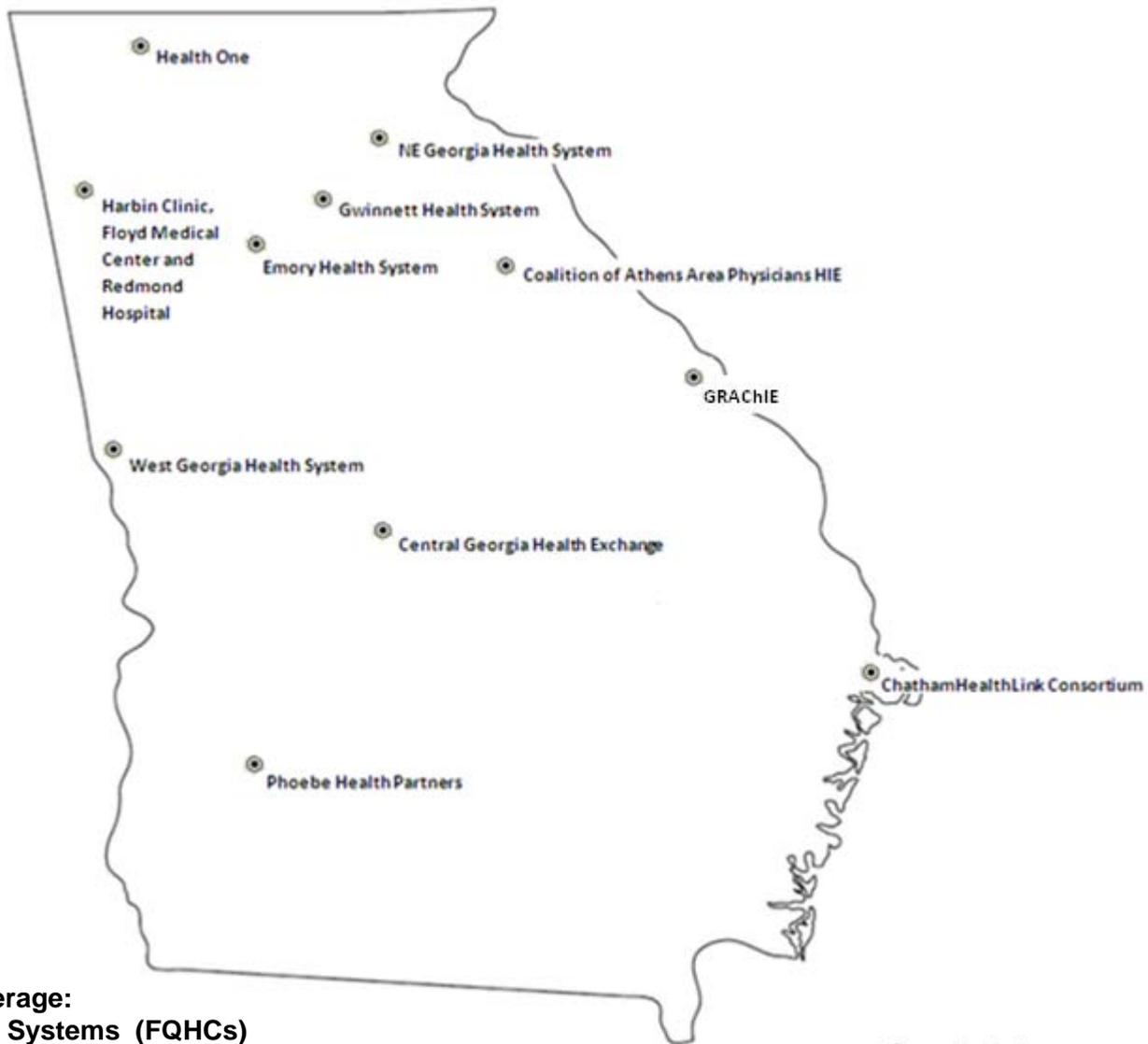
Use Case for Exchange

An Example Patient Scenario

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- A primary care doctor orders a lab test and gets the test back from the lab. She schedules the patient to be seen in the office to discuss the results.
- Based on the results of the test, the primary care doctor decides to send the patient to a subspecialist. She sends a summary of care record to the subspecialist electronically with a summary of the most recent visit.
- When the patient sees the subspecialist, it becomes apparent that there is a missing test that was done at a different hospital that would be helpful in taking care of the patient. Rather than repeating the test, the doctor queries the outside hospital for the lab test that she needs.





SAHIEs with Statewide Coverage:

- Georgia Healthcare Systems (FQHCs)
- Open Access Network
- Department of Corrections
- Veterans Administration
- Georgia Farmworker Health Program (Covering 21 rural counties in South Georgia)

* As of 6/12/12

Closing Comments

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A GfK study reveals that the average patient's health is dependent on at least 200 pieces of paper in almost 19 different locations.

"The average person has over a dozen charts of medical history scattered around the country. This is data that – if accessible – could save you from duplicate procedures, could improve the quality of care you receive or could save your life."

May 15, 2012 - AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) is a health information management (HIM) professional association over 64,000, from an article entitled Private Networks Create a Market for Health Information Exchange.

"Many state level health information exchanges (HIEs) are on the brink of launching, but some health IT vendors claim they are already obsolete."

"State HIEs operate best when they work with but not against private efforts, filling the gaps left by private HIEs."