One Of Colorado's Largest Physician Networks Signs Agreement To Join Colorado Health Information Exchange

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DENVER, Sept. 17, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- CORHIO, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, announced today that the Integrated Physician Network (iPN), a large, multi-specialty association of physicians and medical practices, has signed a contract to join its health information exchange (HIE) network. The iPN operates as a quality improvement collaborative and focuses on improving the health of Colorado residents across the Front Range through electronic health records (EHRs) and adherence to evidence-based care protocols.

More than 200 physicians and other care providers across 40 practice sites participate in iPN across the Front Range. The nationally recognized collaborative is well-known for being a trailblazer in the area of EHR utilization and population health management.

"We believe we are accountable to deliver superior care to our patients and through our aggregate EHR data, we strive to better understand our community's health needs around screening and prevention, and those people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes," said Dr. David Ehrenberger, chief medical officer of iPN and chief medical officer at Avista Adventist Hospital.

By connecting to CORHIO's HIE, iPN providers will have the ability to seamlessly and electronically access clinical data across disparate systems outside of their local network with Centura Health hospitals—including Boulder Community Hospital, Longmont United Hospital, and other health care providers in the region. When necessary for patient care, CORHIO provides physicians and other medical care providers with secure access to important clinical information, including lab test and pathology results, x-ray, MRI and other imaging reports, and physician transcription reports. In the future, the HIE is scheduled to be upgraded to include additional data types and functionality.

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