



Community Health Information Collaborative Announces Merger with Minnesota Health Information Exchange, LLC

DULUTH – The Community Health Information Collaborative (CHIC) has announced the consolidation of its business operations with Minnesota Health Information Exchange, LLC (MN HIE). The consolidation is intended to provide better support for Meaningful Use criteria and minimize expenses surrounding infrastructure costs for HIE across Minnesota. A Letter of Intent was executed by CHIC and MN HIE in June 2011 with CHIC becoming the surviving legal entity.

The consolidation of CHIC and MN HIE will result in a single State-Certified HIO, HIE-Bridge™. HIE-Bridge currently serves 10 hospitals, 50 clinics, two long-term care facilities and three federally-qualified healthcare clinics. Services following the consolidation include access to clinical summary information, immunization information, patients' prescription medication history and eligibility information.

“HIE-Bridge was developed by and for healthcare providers to securely meet their unique health information exchange needs,” said Cheryl Stephens, PhD, President and CEO of CHIC. “We look forward to offering the same level of provider-driven service currently enjoyed by our participating organizations to new organizations across the State.”

CHIC is one of 14 production Participants on the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN), utilizing the ApeniMED Platform for NHIN Exchange and Direct Project solutions and services, as well as core HIE technologies including clinical (CCD) interoperability and exchange. Additionally, CHIC is working with the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) to utilize Virtual Lifetime Electronic Records for veterans.

About CHIC

The Community Health Information Collaborative (CHIC) is a 501(c)(3) Minnesota nonprofit corporation and holds a Certificate of Authority to operate as a Health Information Organization (HIO) in the State of Minnesota. Its mission is to leverage information technology to help member organizations save precious healthcare dollars, make healthcare providers more efficient and to provide the foundation for future innovation.

About ApeniMED

ApeniMED is a healthcare IT company headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota with additional offices in Seattle, Washington and Washington, D.C. ApeniMED is a global provider of the ApeniMED Platform, a secure, scalable healthcare interoperability platform built upon standards such as NHIN Exchange and the Direct Project, enabling the interoperable exchange of clinical and administrative data between disparate healthcare trading partners and systems.

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