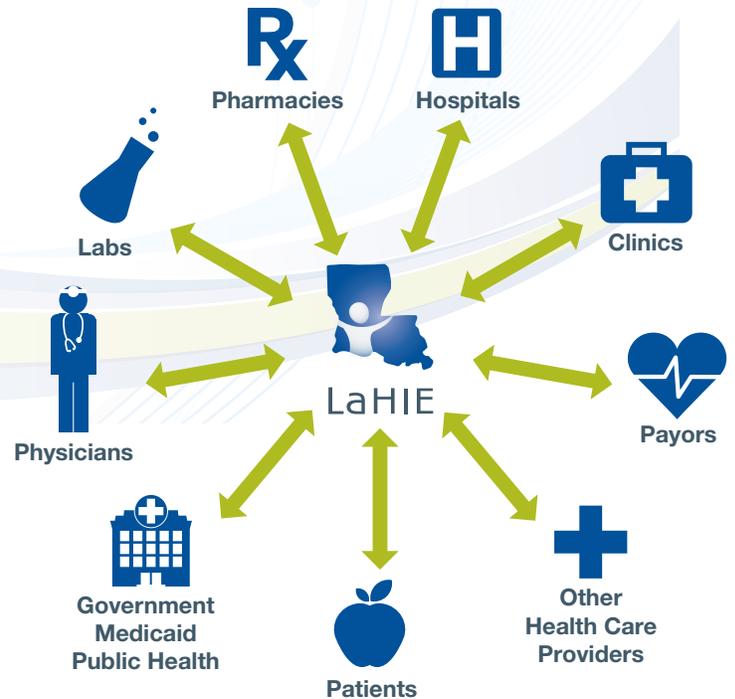


What is a Health Information Exchange?

A health information exchange (HIE) is a secure electronic system that allows doctors and other health care professionals to electronically share your health information. This exchange occurs in real time, which means that authorized doctors, hospitals, labs, pharmacies, nursing homes and others involved in your care can “talk” to one another electronically and create the best possible care plan for you.



What is LaHIE?

The Louisiana Health Information Exchange, or LaHIE (pronounced ‘La-HIGH’), is the state’s official health information exchange. To give you the safest, best care, your health care provider needs access to important information: your medical history, allergies, prescriptions, specialist visits, lab results and more. LaHIE is designed to provide your doctors with access to this information.

What types of health information might be shared through LaHIE?

Information shared through LaHIE may include medical histories, lab results, radiology reports, physicians’ orders and consult reports, medications, allergies and notes that may help health care providers diagnose and treat you.

What about sensitive health information?



To protect your sensitive health information, LaHIE has a higher set of security rules that must be met to gain access to this information. For example, substance abuse treatment, psychiatric records and certain

lab results are marked as sensitive within the LaHIE system, and access to this information requires additional safety measures from authorized users. In addition, your sensitive information is subject to special audits in which LaHIE reviews the need of authorized providers to access such information. LaHIE tracks and records every individual who accesses your information.

What will my care be like if my health information is accessible through LaHIE?

Having your health information available through LaHIE has many benefits. You may not have to fill out the same forms over and over again at doctors’ offices because your information will already be in the system. You may not have to undergo the same medical procedures and tests again and again because the results of those tests will be included in your health information. If there is a public emergency like a flood or hurricane, LaHIE is designed to help ensure that your electronic medical records will be safe and that enrolled health care providers can access them from any authorized location.

Can I choose to opt out of LaHIE?



Louisiana is an “opt in” state, which means your consent is required in order for your health information to be accessible through LaHIE. When you seek medical treatment at an organization participating in LaHIE, you will have the opportunity to opt in or opt out of LaHIE. If you choose to opt out of LaHIE, your health information cannot be accessed through LaHIE, even in an emergency situation. If you have a health emergency, and your consent has not been obtained, your electronic health information may be accessed for emergency treatment purposes only. You do have the right to revoke consent at any time, or if you have chosen to opt out, you have the right to change your mind and opt in.

Where can I find more information about LaHIE?

You may find additional information about LaHIE at: www.lhcf.org/lahie.



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