

Arizona providers are using two valuable health care technology tools that help them coordinate health care and share patient health records: electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE).

## Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

More than 91% of Arizona physicians report using an EHR today, more than double the reported usage from ten years ago.

Providers benefits of using an EHR include:

- Better access to patient information
- More efficient workflow
- Improved clinical support

The benefits to AHCCCS members include:

- Better quality care
- Improved patient safety
- A more private and secure environment for storing member health data

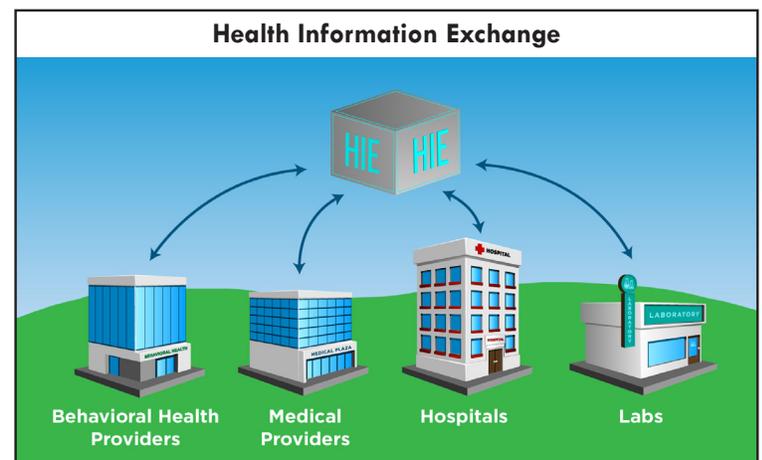
See more information on the benefits of EHRs at [healthcurrent.org/information-center/electronic-health-records](http://healthcurrent.org/information-center/electronic-health-records).

## Health information exchange (HIE)

Health information exchange or HIE connects providers' EHR systems, allowing them to securely share member health information. With this more complete health information, providers are better able coordinate treatment and care planning.

Today more than 500 different health care organizations participate in Health Current, Arizona's HIE. For information on Health Current and its participants, see [healthcurrent.org/hie/the-network-participants](http://healthcurrent.org/hie/the-network-participants)

Arizonans are afforded specific rights regarding the sharing of their information in Health Current, including the right to opt out and the right to see their information. More information on these rights is available at [healthcurrent.org/hie/patient-right](http://healthcurrent.org/hie/patient-right)



## Frequently Asked Questions about Health Current, Arizona's HIE

### Who is Health Current?

Health Current is a non-profit Arizona organization with a community board of directors. Learn more at [healthcurrent.org/about-us](http://healthcurrent.org/about-us).

### How is Health Current funded?

There are no fees for patients to have their health information at Health Current. Community providers pay no HIE participation fees, and most operating costs are covered by health plans and hospitals, in addition to federal funds and grants.

## What are AHCCCS Providers saying about Health Current and its services?

### **Horizon Health & Wellness (Federally Qualified Health Clinic)**

“We were shocked to learn how many of our patients were spending so much time in hospitals. We knew we had to do something about it. I am looking forward to watching Health Current grow. I am excited for more medical providers to connect to the HIE so we can provide the best universal care for our patients,”—Dr. Fred Karst, Chief Operating Officer, Horizon Health & Wellness.

### **Southwest Network (Behavioral Health Provider)**

“As soon as we know we have a member who has been hospitalized, we can contact the hospital and any involved family members to initiate discharge planning, which helps prevent re-hospitalization. We are all very excited with the member information and services that we receive from Health Current, and we see how this is helpful in treating the whole individual and working with a member’s entire healthcare team. This is where we are going as a state and a country and we are excited to be in the vanguard and part of the learning process.”—Danielle Griffith, Corporate Compliance Officer, Southwest Network.”

### **El Rio Health Center (Federally Qualified Health Clinic)**

Health Current data has become an integral part of daily operations that allows them to influence and improve the care of their most vulnerable patients. “The picture these enhanced hospital admission, discharges and transfer alerts allows us to examine and improve our workflow and develop better services to meet patient needs.”—Karen Critchley, Care Coordination Supervisor, El Rio Health



To find out more about the resources and technical assistance available to help providers get connected to the HIE, contact Health Current at:

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