

HHSC Interoperability Updates

Environmental Scan and State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP)

- CMS requires state Medicaid agencies to submit an environmental scan and final SMHP by March 2022. HHSC has contracted with Dell Medical for this purpose.
- **Environmental Scan** – assesses Texas’ current status and progress in relation to:
 - Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive/Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program
 - Health Information Technology (HIT)
 - Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- **Final SMHP** – incorporates scan findings and describes Texas’ 5-year plan for HIT/HIE, including a roadmap for reaching associated goals.



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HIE Connectivity Project (1 of 2)

- Funding for the HIE Connectivity Project and Patient Unified Look-up System for Emergencies (PULSE) has been extended through FFY 2023.
- The project includes the following strategies:
 - **Medicaid Provider HIE Connectivity** – Assists Local HIEs with connecting Medicaid ambulatory providers and hospitals.
 - **HIE Infrastructure** – Aids with building and maintaining connectivity between the Texas Health Services Authority (THSA) and Local HIES, supporting the exchange of clinical data.



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HIE Connectivity Project (2 of 2)

- Funding for the HIE Connectivity Project and Patient Unified Look-up System for Emergencies (PULSE) has been extended through FFY 2023.
- The project includes the following strategies:
 - **Emergency Department Encounter Notification (EDEN) System** – Supports Local HIEs connecting hospitals to their IT systems and exchanging Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) messages.
 - **PULSE** – Provides medical information of patients in alternate care settings to qualified first responders during state and federal disasters. PULSE also features a family reunification tool.



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