



CARE IS BETTER  
WHEN WE'RE CONNECTED



GEORGIA  
HEALTH  
INFORMATION  
NETWORK

# GEORGIA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

The statewide Georgia Health Information Network, Inc. (GaHIN), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the use and exchange of electronic health information to foster a healthier Georgia – improve patient-centered healthcare, increase efficiency and promote the health status of the entire state population.



# THE PURPOSE OF GAHIN

Close the patient information gap across care settings by electronically connecting disparate systems and data sources to support improved quality of care, better health outcomes, and reductions in cost.



# THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATIVE AND GAHIN

The Georgia Health Information Network is a public-private collaborative of healthcare stakeholders from around the state including:

*Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)*

*Georgia Health Information Technology Extension Center (GA-HITEC)*

*Medicity and Truven Analytics*

Many stakeholders in business, technology, healthcare, academia, etc.





A woman in a white lab coat with a stethoscope around her neck is sitting at a desk. She is looking at a laptop screen on the left. In front of her are several sheets of paper, and she is holding a pen over them. The background is a window with a view of a city. The entire image has a reddish-orange tint.

# PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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## GEORGIA DIRECT

Simple, Secure Patient  
Information Exchange



## GEORGIA CONNECTED CARE

Connecting Healthcare &  
Building a Healthy Georgia



# 2014 | MEMBER CONNECTIVITY

## GEORGIA DIRECT

### GeorgiaDirect

- 2,822 Registered Providers

### GeorgiaDirect Specialized Projects

- Emory Transplant
- Emory Dialysis-Candler, Greenbriar, Northside
- Piedmont Hospital
- Davita Dialysis
- Fresenius Medical Care
- Asthma/GRACHIE

### GeorgiaDirect w/XDR Integration (20)

- Appling Healthcare System
- Bacon County Hospital
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Colquitt Regional Medical Center
- Crisp Regional Hospital
- Dorminy Medical Center
- Habersham Medical Center
- Houston Healthcare
- The Longstreet Clinic
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- Meadows Regional Medical Center
- Memorial Hospital and Manor
- Newton Medical Center
- Oconee Regional Medical Center
- Piedmont Healthcare
- **Pruitt Health (10 Facilities)**
- Quad Medical
- Upson Regional Medical Center
- University Hospital at McDuffie
- West Georgia Health





Collaborating to Build  
the Security and Trust Framework  
for Directed Exchange

28,000 HCOs  
450,000 Providers

DirectTrust.org, Inc. (DirectTrust) is a voluntary, self-governing, non-profit trade alliance dedicated to the growth of Direct exchange at national scale, through the establishment of policies, interoperability requirements, and business practice requirements.

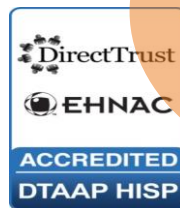
DirectTrust operates under a Cooperative Agreement with ONC to support its work of creating a national network of interoperable Direct exchange services providers.



Security & Trust Framework

EHNAC-DirectTrust Accreditation Program

Trust Anchor Bundle Distribution





# DIRECTTRUST BUNDLE PARTICIPANTS (6/30/14)



MCKESSON



# 2014 | GEORGIA CONNECTED CARE PRODUCT SUITE

## GEORGIA CONNECTEDCARE

- Medicaid Health, Pharmacy & Dental Data
- Immunization (GRITS) Data & Bi-Directional Submission Gateway
- Web-based Clinical Portal for Medicaid Providers without EHR's
- Public Health Gateway-eLab & Syndromic Surveillance Reporting
- National Network (Healthway) (78 Organizations)
  - South Carolina Health Information Exchange (Live)
  - East Tennessee Health Information Network (Connecting)



## GEORGIA CONNECTEDCARE

### Anticipated Products & Services

- Medical Image Exchange
- Event Notification Services: Payers and Providers
- Laboratory Results
- Medication Fills
- Public Health Registries

### Exploring for 2016

- Population Health Management
- Personal Health Record & Patient Access
- Provider Directory
- Advanced Technology Standards
- Event Notification Services: Community
- Retail clinic connections
- Support for ACOs and PCMHs
- mHealth



# GAHIN NETWORK MODEL

## GaHIN is a Network of Networks Model

Facilitates a Georgia statewide electronic Network connecting everyone – payers, providers, and patients – in the entire healthcare system, thus enabling better communication and collaboration among clinicians.

*Keeps operations manageable & costs low – reducing barriers*

Allows GaHIN to leverage federal funding and provide guidance on complex issues to strengthen and advance the network.



# THREE WAYS TO GET GEORGIA CONNECTED

1. Provider organization directly connects to GaHIN
2. Provider connects through a networked HIE
3. Provider connects through their EHR vendor to a networked HIE or GaHIN



# 2014 | MEMBER CONNECTIVITY

## GEORGIA CONNECTEDCARE

### Connected Organizations

- State Agencies:
  - Medicaid (DCH)
  - Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)
  - Georgia Department of Families and Children Services (DFCS)
  - Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Amerigroup (CMO)
- Emory Healthcare (Cerner)
- Grady Health System (Epic)
- **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Epic) LIVE!!!**
- Georgia Health Connect (GaHC) (Liaison) Q4 2014





# GEORGIA CONNECTED CARE

## Queued GaHIN Members

State Agency: DBHDD (MA In Progress; Planning for Oct Kick-Off)

GRACHIE/Chatham HealthLink (Planning for Oct Kick-Off)

West Georgia HIE (Q1 2015)

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth (Q1 2015)

GAPHC (Q1 2015)

ArchHIE (Q 2 2015)

HealthConnection (Q1 2015)



# 2015 | FOCUS ON MEMBER CONNECTIONS

## GeorgiaDirect

- Long-term care and home health agencies
- Continue use case development with state agencies
- Increase provider adoption of general and XDR GeorgiaDirect connections
- Anticipated FY 2015 increase in adoption by more than 1,000 providers statewide

## Georgia Connected Care

- All qualified health systems in and around Georgia
- Federal agencies (Ex. VA, SSA)
- All qualified regional HIEs, including FQHCs
- TeleHealth
- Continued use case development with state agencies to develop new products serving vulnerable populations within Medicaid, DFCS, DPH, DBHDD, etc.



# GAHIN NETWORK MODEL

GaHIN is a federated-hybrid model, NOT a central repository of clinical data

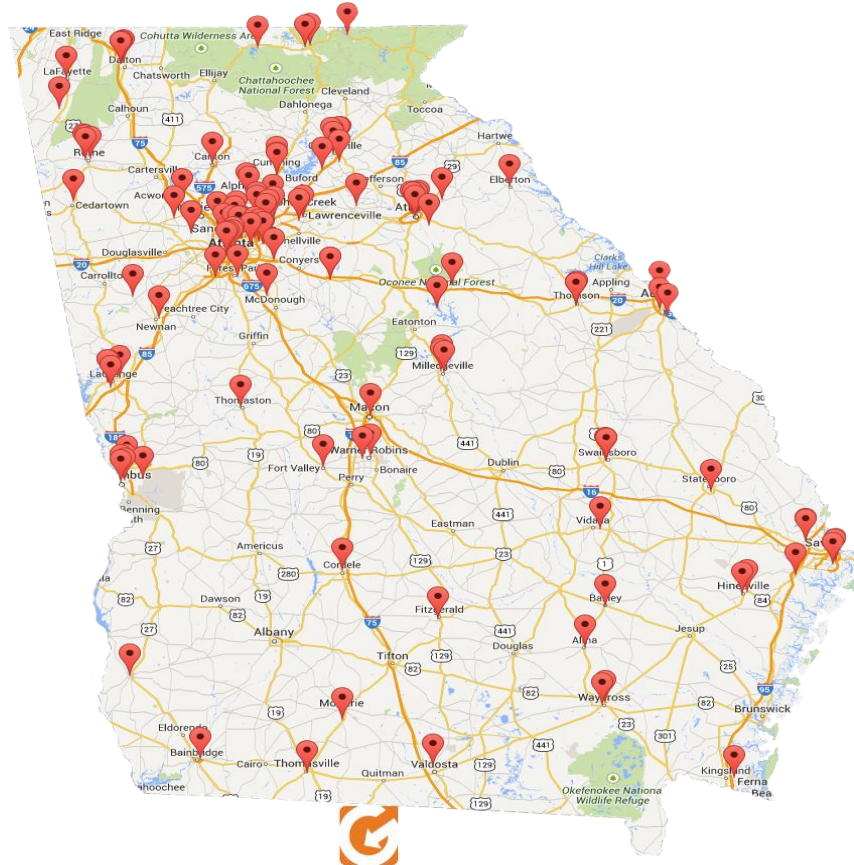
Information remains with the treating provider and only flows when there is authorization.

GaHIN makes an individual data repository available to Members directly connected to the Network.



# GAHIN MEMBERSHIP IN GEORGIA 09/25/2014

- By Organization



## Sources of Revenue

- Sale of value-added services
- Payer Membership fees
- Private and public-sector grants
- Private donations and business developments
- Continued pass-through funding from DCH



# GAHIN | 2014 – 2015 IN A NUTSHELL

## 2014 Achievements

- 3 major health systems in Georgia connected
- Connection to the Nationwide Network & DirectTrust
- Over 3,000 providers with Network access
- More than 16M patient records
- Connected 4 state agencies and 1 CMO
- Rolled out GeorgiaDirect XDR servicing 20 Georgia hospitals
- Regional and national recognition for progress in interoperability

## 2015 Anticipated Growth

- All major health systems in Georgia connected
- Connect with VA and SSA & Bordering States
- Over 7,000 providers with Network access
- More than 25M patient records
- All 5 state agencies & 3 CMOs connected
- All qualified regional HIEs connected
- 1,000 additional providers registered for GeorgiaDirect
- Introduce 4 new products and services
- Receive revenue from additional sources





# QUESTIONS?

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