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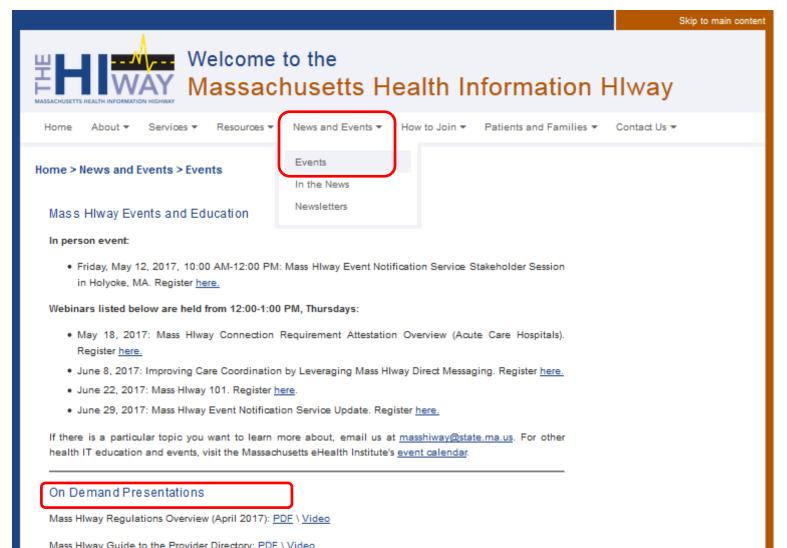
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Mass HIway webinars



- Past webinars and presentations are available on the HIway website <u>www.masshiway.net</u>
- Go to "News and Events" and then select "Events"





Mass HIway Account Management Team



This presentation was developed by staff from EOHHS, Mass Hlway, and the Mass Hlway Account Management Team

About the MA HIway Account Management Team:

- Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC) was selected by EOHHS through an open bid process to serve as the Mass HIway's Account Management team.
- Working in partnership with the Mass HIway, our team delivers outreach, education, and on site user support services to the provider community and participants, with a goal of increasing adoption and effective utilization of the Mass HIway across the Commonwealth.
- The Mass HIway Account Management Team includes:
 - Mark Belanger
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 - Jennifer Monahan
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The Mass HIway is the statewide, state-sponsored Health Information Exchange (HIE) operated by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).

- Mission: The mission of the Mass HIway is to enable health information exchange by health care
 providers and other Mass HIway Users regardless of affiliation, location or differences in technology.
- The Mass HIway has two core functions:
 - Function #1 HIway Direct Messaging:
 i.e., a secure method of sending a transmission from one Mass HIway User to another, where the HIway does not use, analyze or share information in the transmissions
 - Function #2 HIway-Sponsored Services:
 i.e., services such as the forthcoming state-wide Event Notification Service (ENS), where the HIway may use, analyze, and/or share the minimal amount of information necessary to conduct the service, on behalf of HIway Participants
- The Mass HIway does <u>not</u> currently function as a clinical data repository
- The Mass HIway provides health information exchange across the state:
 - Over 1,000 HIway Participants, including organizations across the care continuum (including hospitals from 60+ organizations, ambulatory providers, long-term care facilities)



HIway Participants by Level of Care

(as of June 2017)



Care Continuum

more than 1,100 Participants

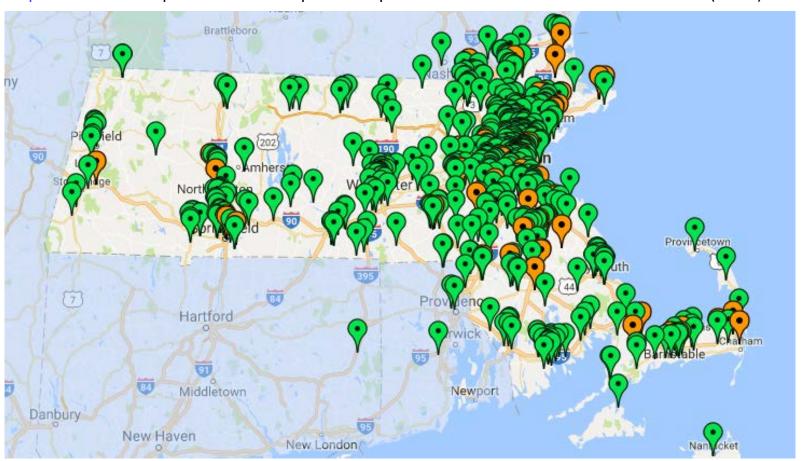
more than 1,100 Tarticipants				
Hospitals	Ambulatory	Long-Term, Post-Acute & Others		
Approximately 80 organizations • Mix of large networks and medical centers to single-site community hospitals	 More than 850 organizations/providers Primary care providers and specialists across a broad range of medical services Health centers and clinics providing medical, emotional, behavioral, and additional social services Urgent care and minute clinics 	Over 170 organizations Range of services and organization types including: • Area Agency on Aging (AAA) • Aging Service Access Point (ASAP) • Behavioral Health • Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) • Nursing homes • Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) • Home health, palliative care, and hospice		

Note: 15+ orgs such as Labs, Payers, Imaging Centers, business associates etc.



An interactive participant map of all Mass HIway Participants is updated monthly, and is available on the Mass HIway website.

Find the map at the Mass HIway website (<u>www.masshiway.net</u>). Under the Resources drop-down menu, select Participant List. The map is maintained in partnership with the Massachusetts eHealth Institute (MeHI).





In addition to improving care coordination with other healthcare providers, public health and quality reporting, the HIway can help your organization:

✓ Participate in various programs and initiatives:

- Meaningful Use Stage 2 Transition of Care and Public Health Reporting measures
- CMS Delivery System Transformation Initiatives (DSTI)
- Community Hospital Acceleration, Revitalization and Transformation Grants (CHART)
- Massachusetts Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grants (ICB)
- Massachusetts Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund
- Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
- Accountable Care Organization (ACO)

✓ Comply with Massachusetts Law

 Connecting to the Mass HIway satisfies the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) EHR proficiency requirement for license renewal (MGL Chapter 224) and requirement for connection to the statewide health information exchange (MGL Chapter 118I)



Connectivity Options



User types



Physician practice



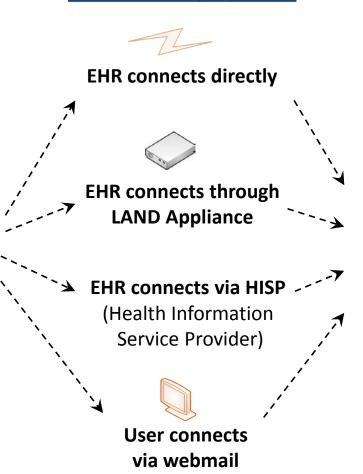
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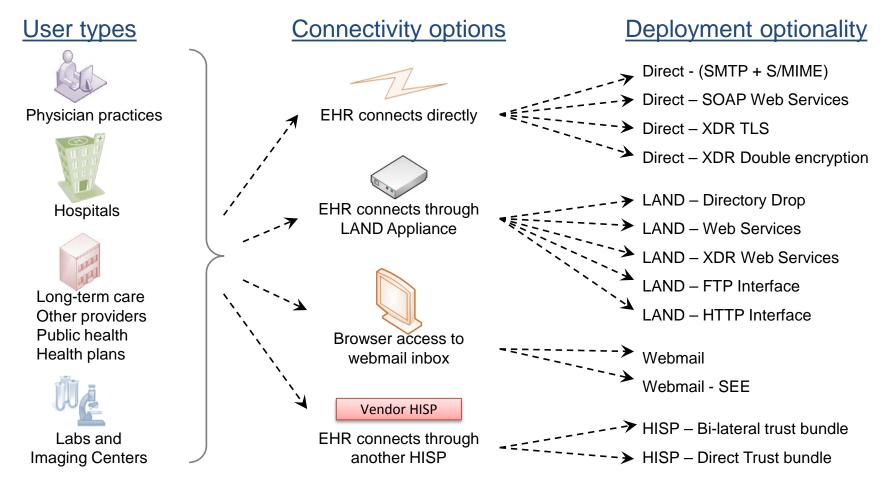
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Connectivity Options





Providing multiple connectivity options has supported **broad participation in the Mass Hlway**.

The Mass HIway currently works with more than 44 EHR vendors, 23 HISPs, and 7 integration engines, through **13 deployment variations**.



Health Information Service Provider (HISP)



In response to customer demand and certification requirements, a growing number of EHR vendors are integrating Direct Exchange standards into their products and providing connections on behalf of its users— also known as a Health Information Service Provider (HISP).

A HISP is an organization that manages security and transport for health information exchange among health care entities or individuals using the Direct standard for transport.

Functions can be performed by existing organizations (such as EHR vendors or HIE organizations) or by standalone organizations specializing in HISP services.

HISPs perform two key functions that support scalability of exchange using the Direct standard.

- ✓ **Establish trust networks** by defining policies for network participation, issuing security certificates tied to a HISP anchor certificate to enforce such policies, and verifying HISP participant identity
- ✓ **Issue direct addresses** tied to the HISP anchor certificate in accordance with conventions defined by the Direct standard





Mass HIway is interconnected with 23 private HISPs. As a result, a rich network for HIway Direct Messaging is fully available to MA providers





HISP to HISP Connectivity



23 HISPs Connected to Mass HIway

- 1. Allscripts (MedAllies HISP)
- 2. Aprima
- 3. Athenahealth
- 4. CareAccord
- 5. CareConnect (NetSmart HISP)
- 6. Cerner
- 7. DataMotion
- 8. eClinicalWorks
- 9. eClinicalWorks Plus
- 10. eLINC
- 11. EMR Direct
- 12. Inpriva

- 13. MaxMD
- 14. MatrixCare
- 15. McKesson (RelayHealth)
- 16. Medicity
- 17. MyHealthProvider (Mercy Hospital)
- 18. NextGen Share
- 19. NHHIO
- 20. SES
- 21. Surescripts
- 22. UpDox
- 23. Wellport (Lumira HISP)

3 HISPs In Process of Connecting to Mass HIway

HISP Vendor	Kickoff	Onboarding	Testing	HIway Prod Readiness	Live/Target Date
PCE Systems					Jun
ASP.md					Jun
Care 360					TBD
IICA-Direct					TBD





The Mass HIway is currently connected to, or in the process of connecting to, the following vendors:			
Advanced Data Systems	Eaglesoft Clinician	LMR	Remarkable Health
Allscripts	eClinicalWorks	Lytec MD (McKesson)	SEE
Amazing Charts	eHana	Matrix	Siemens
AMS	EMA Modernizing Medicine	MatrixCare	Sigmacare
Aprima	E-MDs	Mckesson	SMART
ASPMD	Encite	Medflow	Soarian (Cerner)
Athenahealth	Epic	Meditech	Spring Charts
Axxess	Flatiron	MediTouch	STC
BayCIS	GE	Mednet Medical (EMR4MD)	Suncoast Solutions
Cantana Health(NTT Data)	gEHRiMed	Netsmart	Surescripts
Care At Hand	Greenway	Nextech	Unitcare
Care360 (Quest)	НСНВ	NextGen	Vista
Carelogic	HealthWyse	Office Practicum	WebOMR
Cerner	HermesIQ	PCE Systems	Zoll
ComChart	HomeCare	Physician's Computer Company	
Compulink	Homecare Homebase	Point Click Care	
CPSI	Homegrown	Point N Click	
Credible	icanotes	Practice Fusion	
Delta (Encore product)	ImageTrends	Practice Partners	
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The HIway is 'content agnostic,' and does not restrict message types

Patient clinical information:

- Summary of Care / Transition of Care Record (TOC)
- Request for Patient Care Summaries
- Discharge Summaries
- Referral Summary Information
- Specialist Consult Notes
- Progress Notes

Patient clinical alerts:

- Emergency Department Notification
- Mortality Notification
- Transfer Notification
- Disposition Notification (admit/discharge)

Quality reporting:

 Information for calculation and reporting of clinical quality measures

Public Health Reporting:

- Securely comply with reporting regulations for the Mass. Department of Public Health
- Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS)
- Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR)
- Syndromic Surveillance (SS)
- Massachusetts Cancer Registry (MCR)
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)
- Occupational Lead Poisoning Registry (Adult Lead)
- E-Referral

Note: What makes DPH submissions different: There is no cost for a HIway connection that is <u>used exclusively</u> for DPH reporting.



Use Cases for HIway Direct Messaging



Use Case Categories	Example Use Cases	
Provider-to- Provider Communications	 Hospital sends a discharge summary to a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Long Term/Post Acute Care (LTPAC) facility Primary Care Provider (PCP) sends a referral notice to a specialist Specialist sends consult notes & updated medications list to patient's PCP Hospital ED requests a patient's medical record from a PCP PCP sends a CCD or C-CDA with Problems, Allergies, Medications, and Immunizations (PAMI) to a Hospital caring for their patient 	
Payer Case Management	 ACO sends quality metrics to a payer Provider sends lab results to a payer Provider sends claims data to payer 	
Quality Reporting	 Provider sends clinical data to Business Associate for quality metrics analysis Provider sends quality metrics to Business Associate for report preparation 	
Public Health Reporting	 Provider sends to DPH: Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) Syndromic Surveillance (SS) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Childhood Lead Paint Poison Prevention Program (CLPPP) Provider sends to other agencies: Occupational Lead Poisoning Registry (Adult Lead) Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) 	



Data holder sends patient information to recipient

Provider Directory

Provider name Local name Institution Direct address Smith, Marilyn M Smith, Marilyn Hospital Marilyn.Smith@direct.HospitalB.masshiway.net Smith, Marilyn M Smith, Mary **HPC Primary Care** Marilyn.Smith@direct.HPC.masshiway.net 2. Look up Provider Address (optional – depends on EHR vendor) 3. Send message **Specialist PCP** Hospital A Hospital B 1. Patient Visit



Transitions of Care (Referrals)



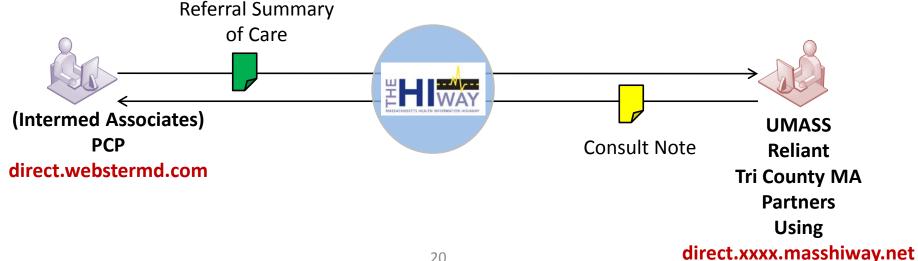
TOC from 'Intermed Associates' to Specialists on Mass HIway

Patient Scenario:

- 1. Patient sees PCP @ Intermed
- 2. PCP refers patient to a Cardiac specialist
- 3. Patient sees specialist
- 4. Patient sees PCP for follow up care

Information Flows:

- A. PCP sends Specialist a summary of care document via the Mass HIway
- B. Specialist sends PCP a consult note via the Mass HIway





Heywood Hospital Sending Lab Results to Gardner VNA

Workflow:

- 1. After a Gardner VNA provider, or the patient's primary care physician, orders lab work the patient takes the lab order to Heywood Hospital.
- 2. Heywood Hospital receives the order
- 3. Information for Gardner VNA patients is entered with a specific location code so that results for Gardner VNA patients can be filtered.
- 4. Once the patient's lab work is completed, the results are passed to Heywood's latric interface engine, which does the filtering, and sends the appropriate results from Heywood Hospital over the Mass HIway to Gardner VNA.
- 5. The lab result is then accepted into Gardner VNA's McKesson Home Health system where the result is attached to the patient record for review and follow-up.





Hospital Discharges to PCP



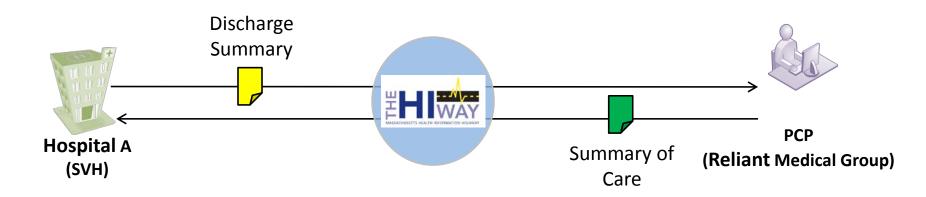
SVH Sends Patient Discharge CCDA to PCP @ Reliant Medical Group

Patient Scenario:

- Patient discharged from Emergency Department of SVH or Milford Regional
- 2. Discharge CCDA is sent via Mass HIway
- 3. Patient sees PCP for follow up care, PCP has access to Meds prescribed during discharge

Information Flows:

- A. SVH informs Reliant that patient is in ED via point to point interface
- B. PCP sends critical information to Hospital ED via the Mass HIway
- C. Hospital sends PCP discharge summary via the Mass HIway





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If your organization is interested in connecting to the Mass HIway contact any member of the Mass HIway Account Management Team:

- ✓ Fnrollment
- ✓ Onboarding
- ✓ Addressing
- ✓ Connection steps
- ✓ Use case identification
- ✓ Exchanging with your trading partners



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The Mass HIway Provider Directory is a searchable directory of individual and organizational healthcare providers.

What PD is for:

- Provides destination addresses for Direct messaging (i.e. Direct email address)
- Stores the specific details such as organization name, provider first name, last name, specialty, contact information, NPI and personal/organizational email address along with the Direct email address

The Provider Directory contains over 20,000+ addresses (department and individual level addresses included)

Your Account Manager will assist you in operationalizing the Provider Directory, identifying who of your trading partners are in the Mass HIway Community today and how to engage additional trading partners to exchange on the HIway.



Direct Email Address Examples



Individual Address:



Organization Address:

QDC@direct.maehc.masshiway.net / testing1@direct.eohhs.masshiway.net

Departmental Direct email address:

<u>IT@direct.eohhs.masshiway.net</u> or <u>eohhs.it@direct.eohhs.masshiway.net</u>

Third-Party HISP Direct email addresses:

john.smith@practicename.eclinicaldirect.com

john.smith.x@xxxx.direct.athenahealth.com

johnsmith@xxxxx.allscriptsdirect.net

John.smith@XXXX.circlehealthdirect.org



How to Access Provider Directory



Ways to Access Addresses:

Manual Entry

If your EHR allows it, you may directly enter a known address manually

Mass HIway Webservice

- Participants looking to integrate the Mass HIway PD into internal workflows via their EHR system can use the Mass HIway PD Webservice to search and retrieve provider/organization/department direct address
- The Mass HIway PD Webservice is also available for LAND connection

Within Webmail

Mass HIway Secure Webmail has a provider lookup function

By using manual PD Extract (CSV/Excel) file

- If your EHR has directories, they may be integrated with Mass HIway PD (vendor dependent)
- The Mass HIway distributes the Mass HIway PD to qualified HIway Participants and vendors upon request. These HIway Participants and vendors are issued a monthly notification and password, which are then used to download the PD extract from the Mass HIway website at http://masshiway.net/HPP/Services/ProviderDirectory/index.htm

Get on the Provider Directory distribution list by emailing us at masshiway@state.ma.us



Timeline for HIway Enrollment



Discovery	Implementation	Testing	Go Live
Week 1 – 2	Week 3 – 5	Week 6 – 8	Week 9
Connection Type Forms/Certs	Installation Work	Loop back test Transaction testing	Migrate to production

- Connection to the Mass HIway is dependent on capabilities of your EHR vendor and your organization's technical architecture. Your Account Manager will walk you through the connectivity options to find the best solution for you:
 - Direct XDR connection to EHR
 - Local Access Network Distribution (LAND) appliance
 - Webmail
- Your account manager will also help you set up your addresses for the Provider Directory
- The implementation team will configure and test the solution and bring your organization live

Note: Above timelines are indicative of a typical effort time spent by the Mass HIway team from the time all of the completed requirements are obtained from the participant and vary by connection type/EHR vendor.





Using the Mass HIway is as easy as 1-2-3!

- **1. Ask your vendor** if they are connected to, or able to connect to the HIway.
- **2. Contact us.** We will connect you with a Mass HIway Account Manager to get your organizations enrolled and connected.
- **3. Exchange** with your trading partners!

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The Mass HIway Regulations



The main purpose of the Mass HIway Regulations is to:

- Establish requirements for organizations that use the Mass HIway
- Implement the state statutory requirement for providers to connect to the Mass HIway (which is referred to in this presentation as the *HIway connection requirement*)
- Establish the mechanism to allow patients to opt-in and opt-out of the Mass HIway
- The regulations require that information be transmitted via HIway Direct Messaging in compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws and implementing regulations, and thereby aligns the use of HIway Direct Messaging with other modes of transmission (e.g., sending information by fax or phone).
- The Mass HIway Regulations went into effect on February 10, 2017.
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 - Mass HIway Regulations Summary
 - Mass HIway Regulations FAQs
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The HIway connection requirement: Who



The regulations answer the "who, when and how" regarding the HIway connection requirement.

Who must connect:

- At this time, only those **Provider Organizations** that are specified in the regulations, as opposed to individual licensed professionals, are required to connect to the Mass HIway.
- The regulations implement a phased-in approach whereby three groups of Provider Organizations have HIway connection dates specified in the regulations, and other types of Provider Organizations will be required to connect at later dates that are not yet specified.
 - The following three groups of Provider Organizations have required HIway connection dates that are specified in the regulations: (1) Acute Care Hospitals; (2) Large & Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices; and (3) Community Health Centers
 - Other types of Provider Organizations (e.g., behavioral health entities, dental clinics, and nursing homes) will be required to connect at a date that will be specified in the future. Future guidance will provide at least one year notice for affected provider organizations to connect to the Mass HIway.



The HIway connection requirement: When



When must Provider Organizations connect:

- The regulations implement a **phased-in approach** where the initial "Year 1" HIway connection requirement occurs between 2017 and 2019 for the three types of Provider Organizations that have connection dates specified in the regulations.
- The three types of Provider Organizations have the following initial HIway connection dates:
 - Acute Care Hospitals: February 10, 2017
 - Large & Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices: January 1, 2018
 - Large Community Health Centers: January 1, 2018
 - o Small Community Health Centers: January 1, 2019

Note: Definitions of these Provider Organizations are in section 20.06 of the regulations where Medical Ambulatory Practices and Community Health Centers are defined as <u>small</u> if they have fewer than 10 licensed providers (i.e., medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, nurse practitioners or physician assistants).



The HIway connection requirement: *How*



How Provider Organizations connect:

The regulations implement a **four-year phased-in approach** regarding how Provider Organizations fulfill the HIway connection requirement:

- <u>Year 1</u>: Send or receive HIway Direct Messages for **at least one use case**. The use case may be within **any category** of use cases.
- Year 2: Send or receive HIway Direct Messages for at least one use case that is within the Provider-to-Provider Communications category of use cases.
- Year 3: Send HIway Direct Messages for at least one use case, and also receive HIway Direct
 Messages for at least one use case. Both of these uses cases should be within the
 Provider-to-Provider communications category of use cases.
- <u>Year 4</u>: The provider organization may be **subject to penalties**, if that organization has not met the requirements established in this section.
 - o The penalty schedule and amounts are described in section 20.14 of the regulations.
 - Under the four-year phased-in approach implemented by the regulations, penalties do not take effect until Year 4 of the connection requirement (i.e., in January 2020, at the earliest).

Acute Care Hospitals: In addition to using HIway Direct Messaging, Acute Care Hospitals are also required to send Admission Discharge Transfer notifications (ADTs) to the Mass HIway within 12 months of the ENS' launch as a part of the HIway connection requirement.



Establishing Interoperable EHR Systems



The regulations and the Mass HIway Policies & Procedures describe the following requirements related to EHR systems:

- Provider Organizations with specified dates for connecting to the Mass HIway will be required to attest to: (a) whether or not they have an EHR, and (b) how their EHR, if any, connects to the Mass HIway.
- Provider Organizations that have HIway connection dates specified in the regulations will fulfill the M.G.L. Chapter 118I requirement that providers establish interoperable EHR systems that connect to the Mass HIway by implementing HIway Direct Messaging.
- Provider Organizations may implement HIway Direct Messaging by one of several methods, including:
 - an EHR's Direct XDR connection
 - a Local Access for Network Distribution (LAND) appliance connection
 - o a Webmail connection, which does not require an EHR



The regulations describe that an **opt-in opt-out mechanism for Hlway-Sponsored Services** will be implemented and operated by the Mass Hlway once these services are launched by the Mass Hlway.

- Opt-in by written notice: The opt-in mechanism will be fulfilled by HIway Participants informing patients through written notice how the HIway Participant intends to use HIway-Sponsored Services, and how the patient can opt-out of HIway-Sponsored Services.
- <u>Centralized opt-out:</u> The Mass HIway or its designee will administer a centralized opt-out system for HIway-Sponsored Services that will implement a mechanism for individuals to choose not to participate in HIway-Sponsored Services.
- <u>Supplemental local processes:</u> HIway Participants can elect to implement additional local opt-in and/or opt-out processes that apply to their organization's use of HIway-Sponsored Services; these additional processes must supplement and not replace the HIway's opt-in opt-out mechanism.



The Mass HIway Regulations



The regulations and supporting documents are available on the Mass HIway website

Mass HIway Regulations Summary



In February 2017 the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) promulgated state regulations 101 CMR 20.00: Health Information Exchange, also referred to as the Mass Hlway Regulations. The Mass Hlway is the state-sponsored, statewide health information exchange for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The full regulations, Mass HIway Regulations Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and the Mass HIway Policies & Procedures, are available on the Mass HIway's website. In this summary document, terms that are defined in Section 20.04 of the regulations, such as HIway Direct Messaging, are capitalized. In addition, references to specific sections of the regulations are provided in blue font.

Purpose of the Mass HIway Regulations:

The main purpose of the Mass HIway Regulations is to establish requirements for organizations that use the Mass HIway, and to implement key requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 118I, which include: (1) the requirement for providers in Massachusetts to implement a fully interoperable electronic health record (EHR) system that connects to the Mass HIway; and (2) the establishment of a mechanism to allow patients to out-in and out-out of the Mass HIway.

The Mass HIway: mission and core functions

The mission of the Mass HIway is to enable health information exchange by health care providers and other Mass HIway Users regardless of affiliation, location, or differences in technology. The Mass HIway has two main functions to help achieve its mission:

- Function #1 HIway Direct Messaging: The Mass HIway offers a secure method for transmitting
 a message containing patient health information, where the Mass HIway does not analyze, use, or
 share the contents of the message except as required to deliver it and to make it available for use by
 the intended recipient.
- Function #2 Hiway-Sponsored Services: The Mass Hiway plans to offer services to aid Hiway Participants in health care coordination including the anticipated statewide Event Notification Service (ENS), which will enable notifications to be sent to a patient's healthcare providers, as appropriate, when that patient is admitted to any participating hospital in the state.

The Mass HIway connection requirement: Who must connect to the Mass HIway, and when

- At this time, only those Provider Organizations that are specified in the regulations, as opposed to individual licensed professionals, are required to connect to the Mass HIway. (101 CMR 20.08)
- The regulations implement a phased-in approach, with the following three groups of Provider Organizations having an initial "Year 1" requirement to connect to the Mass Hlway by the following dates: (1) Acute Care Hospitals by February 10, 2017; (2) Large & Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices by January 1, 2018; (3) Large Community Health Centers by January 1, 2018, and Small Community Health Centers by January 1, 2019, (101 CMR 20.08 and 20.09)
- EOHHS anticipates that other types of Provider Organizations (e.g., behavioral health entities, dental clinics, and nursing homes) will be required to connect at a date that will be specified in the future. Future guidance will provide at least one year notice for affected provider organizations to connect to the Mass Hlway. (101 CMR 20.08(1b))

How Provider Organizations fulfill the HIway connection requirement

 HIway Direct Messaging: Provider Organizations with connection dates specified in the regulations can meet the HIway connection requirement by sending and receiving HIway Direct Messages, following a phased-in approach over 4 years (101 CMR 20.08(3)). The methods by which organizations may implement Direct Messaging are in the last bullet point on this page.

Mass HIway Regulations FAQs





Version 1. February 2017

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This document provides Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and answers that can help stakeholders understand how the regulations apply to them. Terms that are defined in Section 20.04 of the regulations, such as HIway Direct Messaging, are capitalized in this FAQ document.

The full regulations, this FAQ document, a 2-page Mass HIway Regulations Summary, and the Mass HIway Policies & Procedures are available on the Mass HIway website.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- 1. Background about the Mass HIway Regulations and M.G.L. Chapter 118I:
 - a) Q: How were the Mass HIway Regulations developed?

A: The regulations were developed through an open, transparent process, during which EOHHS gathered feedback from the state's Health Information Technology (HIT) Council, the Council's advisory groups, and other stakeholders from across the state. The process included a public comment period and public hearing held in the fall of 2016.

- 2. The HIway connection requirement: Who and when
 - a) 0: Who do the Mass HIway Regulations apply to?
 - A: The regulations apply to all Mass HIway Users (which are defined in 101 CMR 20.04). Under the regulations, (101 CMR 20.05) certain Provider Organizations are required to meet the HIway connection requirement, while other categories of eligible Mass HIway Users (e.g., Provider Organizations that do not have specified HIway connection dates in the regulations, local departments of public health, or health insurance plans) are eligible but not currently required to connect to the Mass HIway.
 - b) Q: Are individual providers, such as a physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, or laboratory technician, required to connect to the Mass HIway?
 - A: No, not at this time. Under the regulations (101 CMR 20.08) specified Provider Organizations are required to connect to the Mass HIway, rather than individual health care providers who hold a professional license in the state.
 - c) Q: Why do the Mass HIway Regulations set required HIway connection dates for certain Provider Organizations, and not others?
 - A: The regulations set Hlway connection dates for three groups of Provider Organizations (i.e., Acute Care Hospitals, Large and Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices, and Community Health Centers) and not for other types of Provider Organizations (e.g., nursing homes, dental clinics, behavioral health entities, Small Medical Ambulatory Practices, solo practices). The regulations implement this approach because these three Provider Organizations are more likely to have adopted health information technology earlier than other provider organizations, as they may have had access to federal funding to adopt EHR systems, and have more resources than other organizations to implement regulatory requirements. (continued on page 2)





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HIway connection requirement



The HIway connection requirement is implemented using a phased-in approach.

The phased-in approach has four aspects:

 Three types of Provider Organizations (i.e., Acute Care Hospitals, Large & Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices, Community Health Centers) have connection dates that are specified in the regulations.

EOHHS anticipates that Provider Organizations which are not specified in the regulations will be required to connect at a future date, with future guidance providing at least one year notice for affected organizations to connect.

- 2. The three types of Provider Organizations have an initial "Year 1" connection requirement between 2017 and 2019.
- 3. How Provider Organizations fulfill the HIway connection requirement is phased-in over four years, with penalties for not meeting the requirement beginning in Year 4. (See the next slide for additional details)
- 4. The statutory requirement that providers implement "interoperable EHR systems" that connect to the Mass HIway is fulfilled by implementing HIway Direct Messaging.



HIway connection requirement: Years 1 to 4



The HIway connection requirement follows a four-year phased-in approach that progressively encourages use of the Mass HIway for Provider-to-Provider communications and bi-directional exchange of health information.

How Provider Organizations connect:

- <u>Year 1</u>: Send or receive HIway Direct Messages for **at least one use case**. The use case may be within **any category** of use cases.
- Year 2: Send or receive HIway Direct Messages for at least one use case that is within the **Provider-to-Provider Communications category** of use cases.
- Year 3: Send HIway Direct Messages for at least one use case, and also receive HIway Direct
 Messages for at least one use case. Both of these uses cases should be within the
 Provider-to-Provider Communications category of use cases.
- <u>Year 4</u>: The provider organization may be **subject to penalties**, if that organization has not met the requirements established in this section. Penalties do not take effect until Year 4 of the connection requirement (i.e., in January 2020, at the earliest).

Acute Care Hospitals: In addition to using HIway Direct Messaging, Acute Care Hospitals are also required to send Admission Discharge Transfer notifications (ADTs) to the Mass HIway within 12 months of the ENS' launch as a part of the HIway connection requirement.



Year 1 Attestation Form



The Year 1 Attestation Form is available here:

http://www.masshiway.net/HPP/cs/groups/hpp/documents/document/b3jt/x3ll/~edisp/attestation form year1.pdf

Attestation Form Year 1 Mass HIway Connection Requirement



<u>Purpose</u>: This attestation form shall be completed by Provider Organizations in order to report compliance with the statutory requirement that Provider Organizations implement fully interoperable electronic health record systems that connect to the Mass Hlway (Mass Hlway Regulations). The Mass Hlway is the Commonwealth's state-wide, state-sponsored health information exchange. Instructions for this form appear as footnotes.

An authorized individual at the applicable Provider Organization should complete this attestation form, then print, sign, and email the completed form to the Mass HIway at MassHIwayAttestation@state.ma.us by the dates specified in the instructions.1

- 1. Name of the Provider Organization:2
- 2. Street Address of the Provider Organization:3
- 3. Provider Organization Tax ID (TIN):4
- 4. Description of the Use Case that has been implemented to meet the Year 1 connection requirement:
 - a) Descriptive name for the Use Case:5
 - b) Date that the Use Case was implemented (MM/YYYY):6
 - c) Category of Use Case (select only one):7

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Uther (please specify)
d) Does this Use Case involve the Provider Organization sending a HIway Direct Message, or receiving a

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Public Health Reporting

- HIway Direct Message, or both? (Select only one of the three following options):
- The Use Case involves the Provider Organization <u>sending</u>, <u>but not receiving</u> a HIway Direct Message.

 The Use Case involves the Provider Organization <u>receiving</u>, <u>but not sending</u> a HIway Direct Message.
- The Use Case involves the Provider Organization both sending and receiving a Hiway Direct Message.
- e) Name of the other entity (or entities) participating in the exchange of information for the Use Case:8

Please check the box below, to confirm that you have coordinated with the other entity (or entities) for this Use Case, in order to establish that the other entity is receiving and able to use the transmission.

- The Provider Organization attests that the work flow or process for this Use Case has been coordinated with the other entity (or entities) listed in 4(e).
- f) Describe the scope of the activity addressed by the Use Case: 9
- g) Describe the scope of the organization(s) involved in the Use Case: 10
- Approximate expected message volume per month. 11

5.	. EMR / EHR system that the Provider Organization is currently using:					
	 a) Is your Provider Organization using an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) or an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system for the Use Case described in the previous question (yes / no):12 					
	the answer to question 5a is "yes", then answer questions 5b through 5e:					
	b) Name of the EMR / EHR system:13					
	c) Version of the EMR / EHR system:14					
	d) How is the EMR / EHR system connecting to the Mass HIway (please select only one):					
	directly to the Mass HIway					
	via a HISP other than the Mass HIway					
	e) Is the EMR / EHR system an ONC Certified Health IT Product (yes / no):15					
	If the answer to question 5a is "no", then answer question 5f:					
	f) How is your Provider Organization connecting to the Mass HIway (please select all that apply):					
	via Mass Hlway Webmail					
	via some other method (please specify)					
	operational questions regarding this Attestation form: ¹⁶ a) First/Last Name and Title:					
	Phone: Email address:					
	Role in relation to the Mass HIway:					
	b) First/Last Name and Title:					
	Phone:Email address:					
	Role in relation to the Mass HIway:					
	c) First/Last Name and Title:					
	Phone:Email address:					
	Role in relation to the Mass HIway:					
7.	Signature:					
L	As an authorized representative of the Provider Organization listed in Question #1, above, I attest that I am authorized to complete and submit this Attestation Form, that I have read the questions, and that the information submitted is true and correct. ¹⁷					
	a) Signature:					
	b) First and Last Name, printed:					
	c) Title:					
	d) Date signed: Month: Day of Month: Year:					
	e) Work phone #:					



Year 1 Attestation Form: Who, When, How



In 2017, Acute Care Hospitals are the only provider organizations required to connect to the Mass HIway and to submit the Year 1 Attestation Form. Other organizations have these requirements in later years.

• Who & When: Provider organizations that have HIway connection dates that are specified in the regulations are required to submit a Year 1 Attestation Form by July 1st after their initial HIway connection requirement.

Provider Organization	Date of the "Year 1" HIway connection requirement	Due date of the Year 1 Attestation Form		
Acute Care Hospitals	February 10, 2017	July 1, 2017		
Large and Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices	January 1, 2018	July 1, 2018		
Large Community Health Centers	January 1, 2018	July 1, 2018		
Small Community Health Centers	January 1, 2019	July 1, 2019		

 How: Year 1 Attestation Forms should be submitted to the Mass HIway (via email at: <u>MassHIwayAttestation@state.ma.us</u>)

 The Year 1 Attestation Form (&instructions) are available on the <u>Mass HIway web page</u> in two places (i.e., as Appendix B in the <u>HIway Policies & Procedures (version 3)</u> and as <u>a stand-alone PDF document</u>)

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Year 1 Attestation Form



- The Year 1 Attestation Form is available at the Mass HIway website: <u>www.masshiway.net</u>
- Go to "Resources" and then select "Participant Forms"



- Provider Organizations with required dates for connecting to the Mass HIway must submit information regarding 1)
 whether or not they have an EHR, and 2) how their EHR, if any, connects to the Mass HIway. Acute Care Hospitals will
 attest to completing the connection requirement using the PDF Mass HIway Attestation Form. Future attestations
 will be completed in an online format. Details are forthcoming. Please review the form for instructions.
- The Mass HIway Change Control Board has released approved dates for anticipated, required Mass HIway
 maintenance for 2017. Click here for a printable schedule. Please note that even though these dates are scheduled, it
 does not mean that maintenance will need to occur. All effort will be made by the Mass HIway to adhere to these



Year 1 Attestation Form: What



The Year 1 Attestation Form is two pages long, and must be used by provider organizations that have a HIway connection requirement date. The form will provide information about how the organization met the requirement, their EHR (if they have one), and how they connect to the Mass HIway.

The Year 1 Attestation Form collects the following information:

- 1. How the organization met the Year 1 Hlway connection requirement:
 - The Year 1 requirement: To send or receive HIway Direct Messages for at least one use case
 (The use case may be within any category of use cases)
 - Questions on the attestation form include:
 - The use case is within what category of use cases?
 Categories include: (1) Provider-to-Provider Communications, (2) Payer Case Management, (3) Quality Reporting, (4) Public Health Reporting, (5) Other
 - Describe the use case
 - Approximate # of HIway Direct Messages per month for the use case
- 2. Describe whether or not the organization has an EHR (and if so, how does it connect to the HIway):
 - Questions on the attestation form include:
 - o Name and version of the EHR?
 - o Is the EHR an ONC Certified Health IT Product?
 - Options include: (1) EHR directly to HIway, (2) EHR via a HISP, or (3) via Mass HIway webmail

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Conclusion





Past HIway webinars are available on the Mass HIway website:

- Go to the Mass HIway website at www.masshiway.net
- Then, go to "News & Events" and next select "Events"

Mass HIway webinars:

- Mass Hlway Webinars: (all webinars are Thursdays, noon-1pm)
 - June 8, 2017: Improving Care Coordination by Leveraging Mass HIway Direct Messaging
 - June 22, 2017: Mass HIway 101
 - June 29, 2017: ENS Update for the community



HIway Event Notification Service: Overview



A HIway Event Notification Service (ENS) will facilitate real-time notifications to providers
when a patient is admitted, discharged or transferred to or from an inpatient setting. This
in turn allows clinicians to respond with information and/or clinical support and
coordination of care.

Value of a Statewide ENS:

Private ENS services currently are accessed by individual providers or systems, but none provide the scope to support payment reform and delivery system improvement efforts statewide

Approach:

In Spring 2017, the HIway is doing the following:

- Gathering input from stakeholders including representatives from hospitals, individual clinicians, vendors, as well as healthcare organizations
- 2. Publishing an Request for Information (RFI) from ENS. The RFI was issued on June 6, 2017, and closes on July 3, 2017.



Mass HIway contact information



Thank you!

The Massachusetts Health Information Highway (Mass HIway)

Phone: 1.855.MA-HIWAY (1.855.624.4929)

Email for General Inquires: MassHlway@state.ma.us

Email for Technical Support: <u>MassHlwaySupport@state.ma.us</u>

Website: www.MassHlway.net





Appendix A: HIway Rate Card





Massachusetts Health Information Highway (Mass HIway) Rate Card

Effective Date - October 1, 2014

Tier	Category	Description	One-time	Direct Messaging Service			Direct Messaging Service + Query & Retrieve Service	
			set-up fee (per node)	Annual HIE Services Fee (per node)	Annual HIE Services Fee + LAND (per node)	Annual HIE Services Fee Webmail (per mailbox)	Annual HIE Services Fee (per node)	Annual HIE Services Fee + LAND (per node)
	1a	Large hospitals/Health Systems		\$15,000	\$27,500	\$60	\$30,000	\$42,500
Tier 1	1b	Health plans	\$2,500					
11012	1c	Multi-entity HIE	\$2,500					
	1d	Commercial imaging centers & labs						
	2a	Small hospitals		\$10,000	\$15,000	\$60	\$17,500	\$22,500
	2b	Large ambulatory practices (50+ licensed providers)						
Tier 2	2c	Large LTCs (500+ licensed beds)	\$1,000					
mer 2	2d	Ambulatory Surgery Centers						
	2e	Ambulance and Emergency Response						
	2f	Business associate affiliates						
	2g	Local government/Public Health						
	3a	Small LTC (< 500 licensed beds)	\$500	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$60	\$4,750	\$6,750
Tier 3	3b	Large behavioral health (10+ licensed providers)						
iler 3	3d	Large FQHCs (10+ licensed providers)						
	3e	Medium ambulatory practices (10-49 licensed provider						
	4a	Small behavioral health (< 10 licensed providers)						
	4b (includes			\$175	\$250	\$60	\$275	\$350
Tier 4	former 3c)	Home health, LTSS	\$25					
	4c	Small FQHCs (< 10 licensed providers)						
	4d	Small ambulatory practices (3-9)						
Tier 5	5a	Very Small ambulatory practices (1-2)	\$25	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90	\$90





Appendix B: Selected slides from the HIway Operations Update

(presented at the May 2017 HIT Council Meeting)



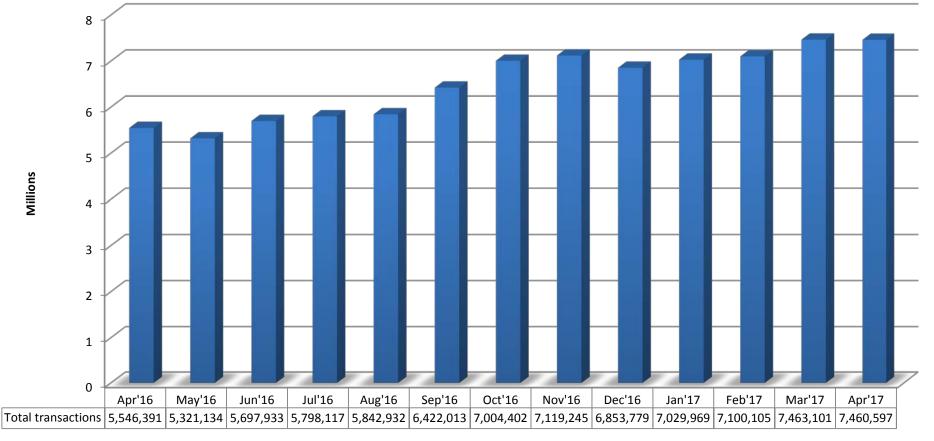
HIway Transaction Activity



13 Month HIway Transaction Activity

7,460,597 Transactions* exchanged in April (03/21/2017 to 04/20/2017**)

134,819,578 Total Transactions* exchanged inception to date



^{*} Note: Includes all transactions over Mass HIway, both production and test

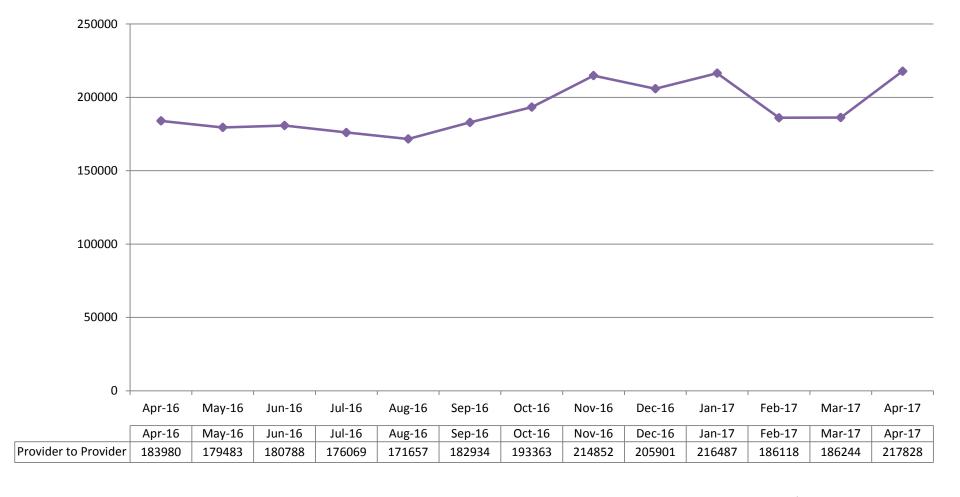
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<u>HIway Production Transaction Trends – Provider to Provider (Apr 2016 – Apr 2017)</u>

3% of HIway activity in April* was for Provider to Provider transactions



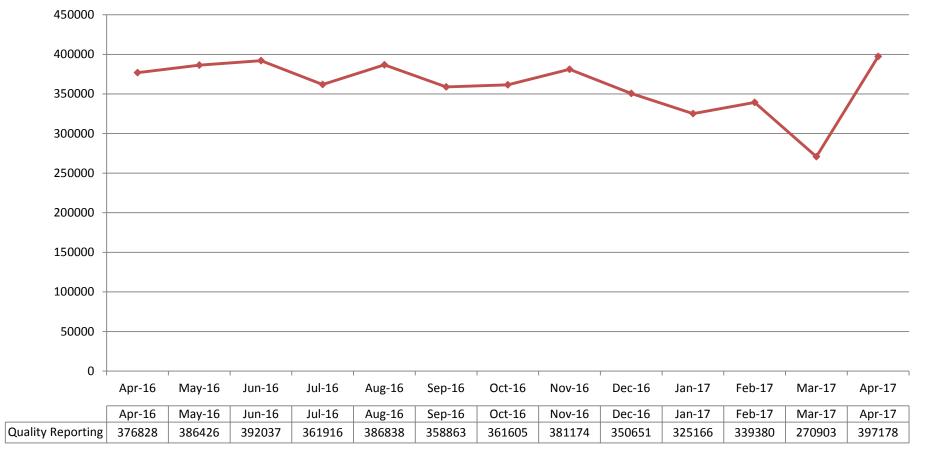
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<u>HIway Production Transaction Trends – Quality Reporting (Apr 2016 – Apr 2017)</u>

5% of HIway activity in April* was for Quality Reporting transactions



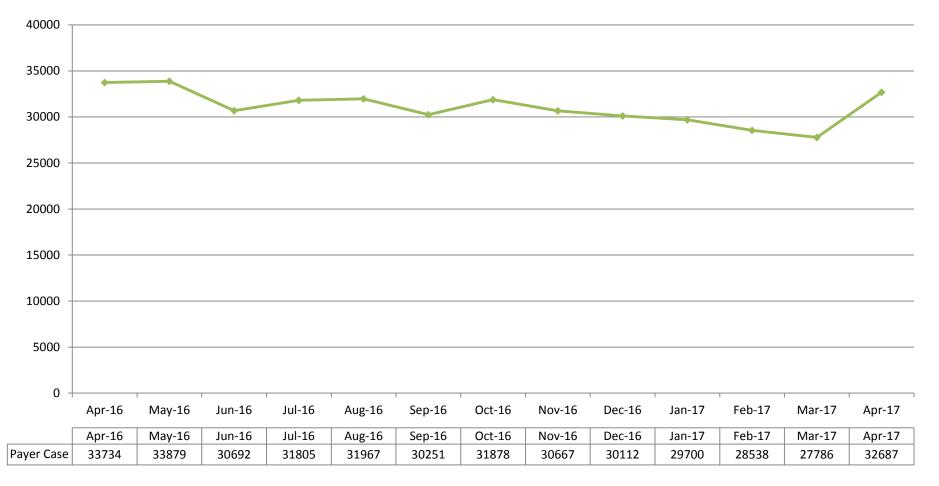
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<u>HIway Production Transaction Trends – Payer Case Management (Apr 2016 – Apr 2017)</u>

< 1% of HIway activity in April* was for Payer Case Management transactions



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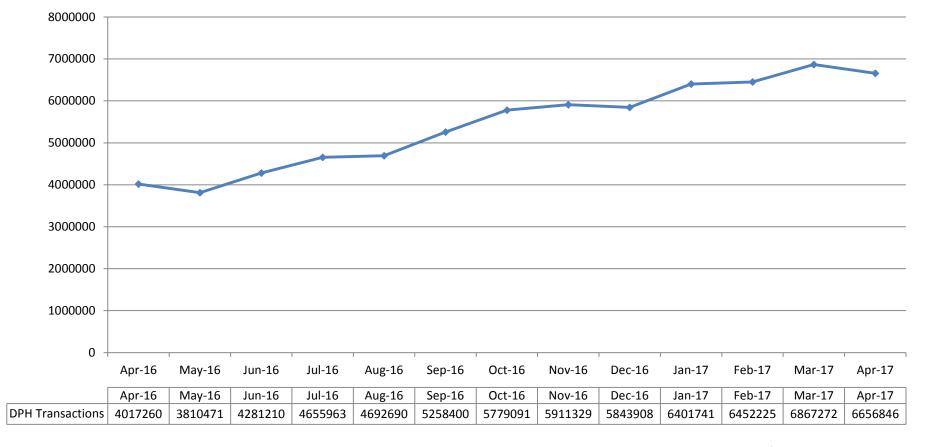




<u>HIway Production Transaction Trends – Public Health Reporting (Apr 2016 – Apr 2017)</u>

91% of HIway activity in April* was for Public Health Reporting transactions.

These Public Health transactions are analyzed by application on the following slides.



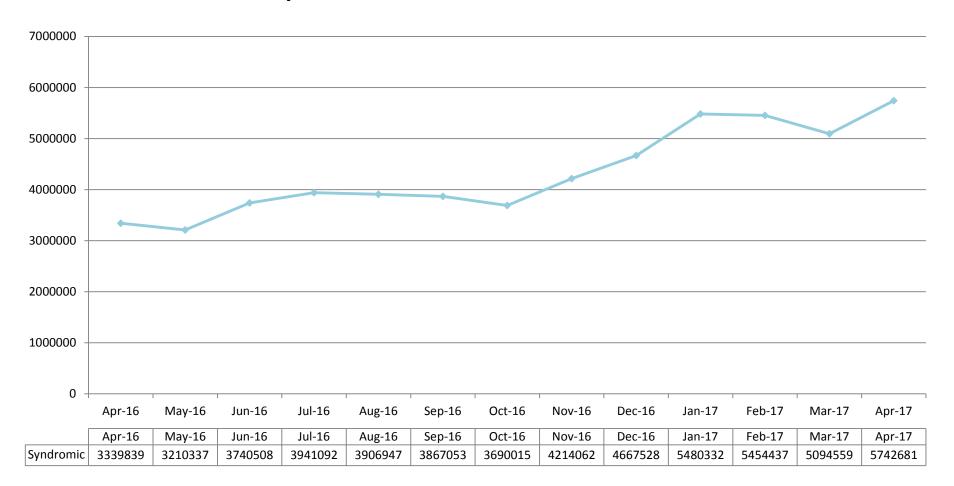
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Public Health Reporting - Analysis by Application (Apr 2016 - Apr 2017)

Syndromic Surveillance Transactions



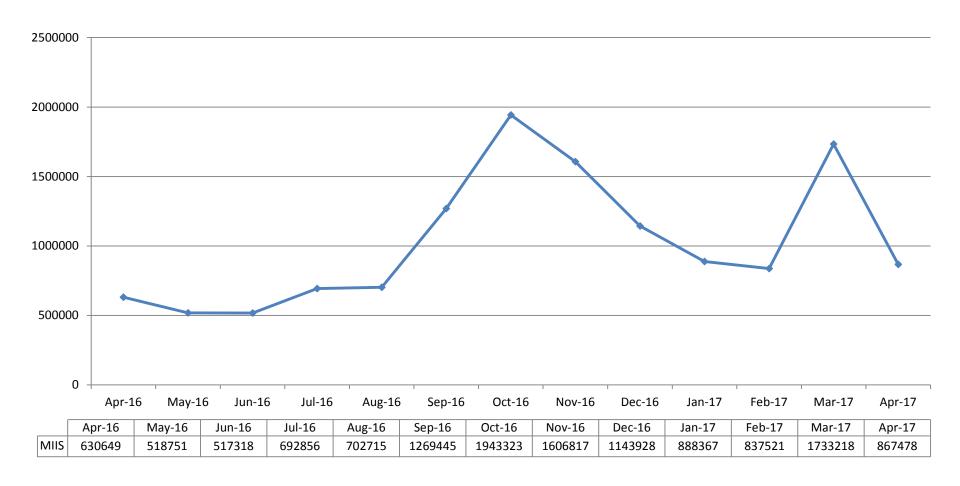
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Public Health Reporting - Analysis by Application (Apr 2016 - Apr 2017)

Immunization (MIIS) Transactions

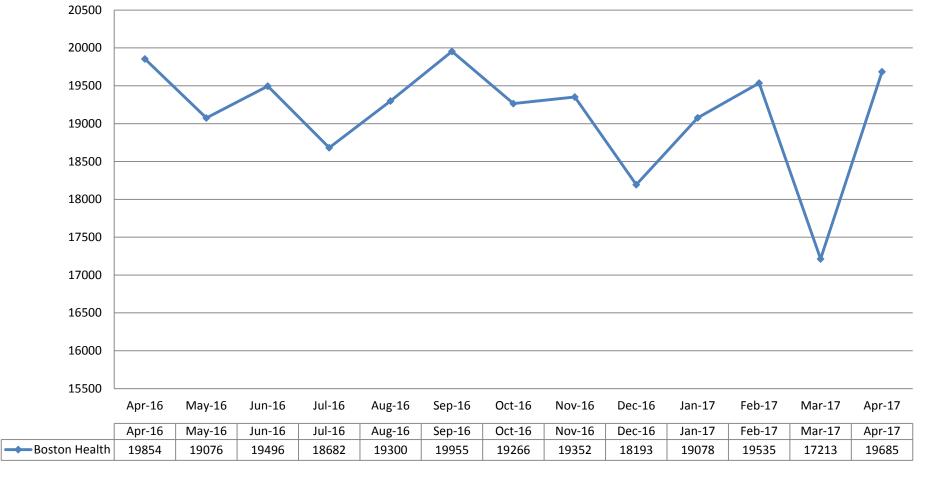






Public Health Reporting - Analysis by Application (Apr 2016 - Apr 2017)

Boston Public Health Commission Transactions



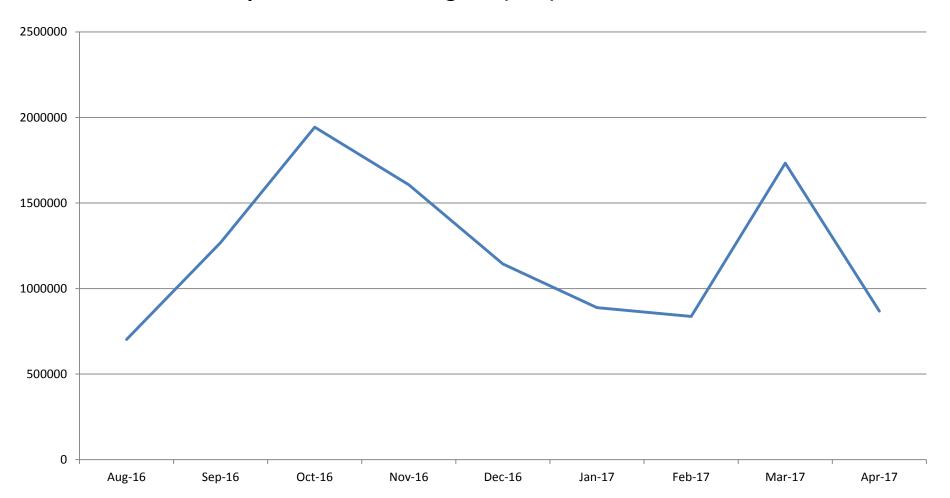
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Public Health Reporting - Analysis by Application (Aug 2016 - Apr 2017)

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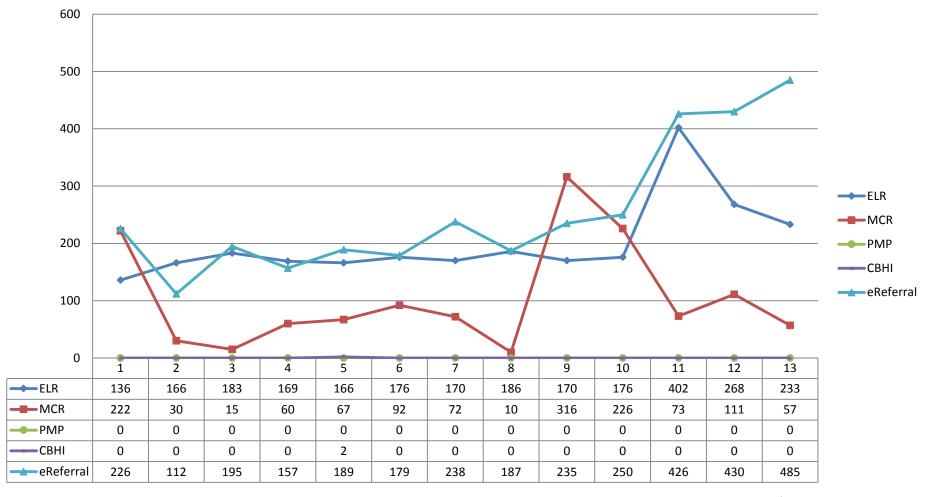
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Public Health Reporting - Analysis by Application (Apr 2016 - Apr 2017)

Other Public Health Transactions



^{*} Note: Reporting cycle is through the 20^{th} of each month.



Customer Status Dashboard (April 2017)



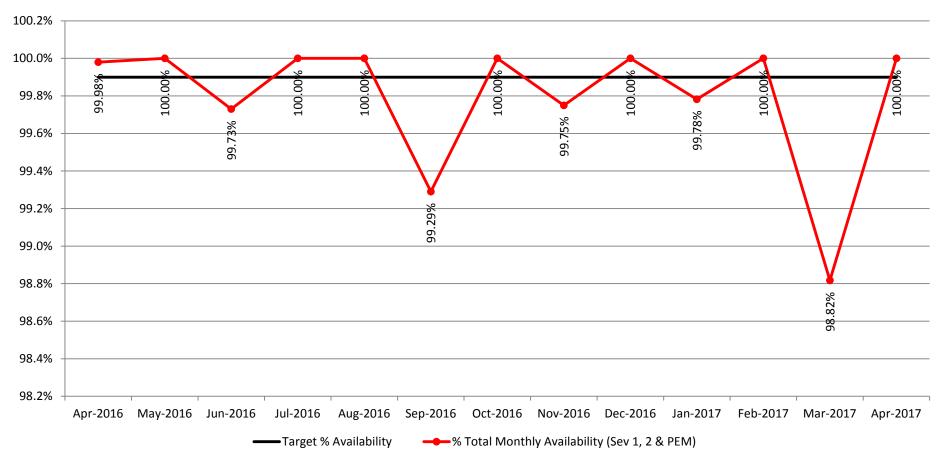
Tier (As of Apr 20 2017)	Universe (Est.)	Actively Using	%ActivelyUsing	Connected	%Connected	Enrolled	Tier Total
1a. Large hospitals/Health Systems	37		73%	5	14%		37
1b. Health plans	9	3	33%	2	22%		5
1c. Multi-entity HIE	12	4	33%	6	50%	2	12
1d. Commercial imaging centers & labs	5	3	60%	2	40%		5
2a. Small hospitals	46	35	76%	11	24%		46
2b. Large ambulatory practices (50+)	33	18	55%	15	45%		33
2c. Large LTCs (500+ licensed beds)	8	2	25%		0%		2
2d. Ambulatory Surgical Centers	63		0%	1	2%		1
2e. Ambulance and Emergency Response	39		0%	1	3%		1
2f.Business associate affiliates	5	1	20%	1	20%		2
2g. Local government/Public Health	8	1	13%	7	88%		8
3a. Small LTC (<500 licensed beds)	310	23	7%	42	14%		65
3b. Large behavioral health (10+ licensed providers)	10	1	10%	8	80%		9
3d. Large FQHCs (10-49)	30	14	47%	11	37%		25
3e. Medium ambulatory practices (10-49)	365	46	13%	24	7%		70
4a. Small behavioral health(<10 licensed providers)	90	5	6%	13	14%		18
4b. Home health, LTSS	149	23	15%	35	23%	4	62
4c. Small FQHCs (3-9)	29	4	14%	1	3%	1	6
4d. Small ambulatory practices (3-9)	1595	124	8%	119	7%	1	244
5a. Very Small ambulatory practices (1-2)	4010	154	4%	353	9%	6	513
Grand Total	6853	488	7%	657	10%	(19	(1164

[&]quot;Actively Using" means connected and actively using; "Connected" means connected but not yet actively using; and "Enrolled" means an agreement has been signed but not yet connected



13 Month Hlway Availability Trends





Metric Targets:

• "Total Monthly Availability" – no lower than 99.9% (downtime no more than ~44 minutes/month)