

Department of Health (DOH) Input

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Information

The Department of Health, on October 1st 2013, became the first Washington State agency to successfully connect to the Health Information Exchange (HIE). This connection is the successful outcome of a multi-year project involving DOH IT department and all the agency divisions. Coordination with outside entities was also critical, including the Health Care Authority and OneHealthPort. By connecting to the HIE, the Department of Health is able to send/receive health information in an electronic form to/from hospitals, clinics and individual providers that are also connected to the HIE. This connection will also support federal Meaningful Use in which hospitals and providers can receive financial incentive for having electronic medical records systems and using the HIE to share data. DOH now uses the HIE to receive lab reports of reportable illnesses and Syndromic Surveillance information. The Prescription Monitoring Program uses the HIE to allow health care providers to request and receive prescription history information on their patients. Soon DOH will also receive immunizations and cancer case data and will use the HIE to distribute lab results from the DOH Newborn Screening Program directly to hospitals and clinics.

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/DataReportingandRetrieval/HealthInformationExchange.aspx>