



Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers

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Camden HIE and NJSHINE Launch Partnership to Expand Sharing of Regional Health Data

A new data sharing agreement between the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers (Camden Coalition) and NJSHINE, who run two major Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) in the South Jersey region, is giving South Jersey health care providers a more complete picture of their patients' medical history and improving care for the region's most vulnerable. Now health care providers who use the Camden Coalition HIE and NJSHINE can access hospital encounter data, including labs, tests, medications, emergency department summaries, progress notes, and more, when their patients visit hospitals and emergency rooms in the other HIE's network.

Many patients, particularly those with complex health and social needs, visit multiple hospitals and emergency rooms throughout the region over the course of a year. When providers can't access patient records from other institutions, timely, important details are missed and patient care suffers. HIEs help to resolve this issue by providing better access to a patient's health information and reducing the time and effort spent by staff to gather this data. HIEs foster improved care coordination and help minimize health care spending by eliminating unnecessary and costly duplication.

Both the Camden Coalition HIE and NJSHINE are secure, HIPAA-compliant, web-based tools that allow providers from participating institutions to securely view and contribute shared patient data. Beginning to connect New Jersey's regional HIEs is the first step toward a truly integrated, statewide data sharing system, such as those in [Michigan](#), [Oregon](#), and [Washington State](#).

The project to connect the two HIEs officially launched early in 2016 with both organizations understanding the need for care coordination and data sharing. Todd Warden, CMIO of Lourdes Health System, chairs the Camden HIE Oversight Committee, which was integral to the successful and smooth interface with NJSHINE.

When asked how the new interface will impact Camden Coalition HIE users, he said, "We are so pleased that NJSHINE has joined the Camden Coalition HIE to expand our collective network of regional data to improve health care in our region. This will help support multiple initiatives we are working on in the tri-county region. I know that this will greatly enhance the LHS Health Network (Lourdes ACO) provide population health services to its patients in Gloucester County. In addition, this data integration will provide support to the [South Jersey Behavioral Health Innovation Collaborative](#), as it builds its network of providers to assure comprehensive and efficient care to the behavioral health patients we all serve."



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About the Camden Coalition HIE

The Camden Coalition HIE was founded in 2011 by the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers. Today there are roughly 700 health care providers using the system for treatment and care coordination. The Camden Coalition HIE also includes social service providers and other nontraditional partners that can assist in the improvement of quality of care. Currently, the HIE functions as the backbone of the Camden Coalition ACO, providing decision support and notification for patients eligible for 7 Day Pledge appointments. For more information about the [Camden Coalition HIE](http://www.camdenhealth.org), please contact CHIE@camdenhealth.org

About NJSHINE

NJSHINE, New Jersey's newest health information exchange, received a \$1 million grant award from the New Jersey Department of Health on December 20, 2012 and continues to serve a seven-county area including Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. Hospitals that are connected through NJSHINE include Inspira Health Network, Shore Medical Center, and Cape Regional Medical Center. NJSHINE also connects other area health providers like long-term care facilities, homecare agencies, independent physician practices, and others. The mission of NJSHINE is to facilitate health information exchange for the diverse populations of Southern New Jersey to improve the quality of care, support patient safety, facilitate care coordination across the continuum of care, reduce cost, and improve patient outcomes. For more information about NJSHINE please visit our website, njshine.org.

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