



Health Information Exchange Participation

Accountable Care Organizations

How ACOs are using the health information exchange

ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Accountable Care Organization (ACO) established in 2016.

Organization Type: ACO composed of 25 clinics and 5 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across Kansas.

Services: Practice transformation services and support for primary care ACOs.

Service Base: 97,000+ Lives under management across Medicare, Medicare Advantage and commercial contracts across urban, rural and suburban Kansas.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE USE:

Admission/Discharge/Transfer (ADT) notifications enable comprehensive patient management and allow providers to conduct proactive transitional care management for patients.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE EXPLAINED:

HIEs efficiently store patients healthcare information digitally and securely shares the information among physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers in a timely manner.

HIE utilization may improve patient care coordination and transitions of care by allowing access to patients' most recent test results, procedures, diagnosis, medications, allergies and more.

KHIN is a physician-led HIE affiliated with the Kansas Medical Society and is a member of the KONZA Network. KONZA offers interoperability and analytics products and services in seven states to include Kansas, Georgia, South Carolina, Connecticut, New Jersey, Missouri, and Louisiana. Use cases are developed based upon information provided by HIE participants in these states.

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Utilizing the health information exchange to coordinate care:

“ADT alerts are critical for primary care providers as they work to coordinate care and ensure nothing falls through the cracks. The HIE makes sure that PCPs are kept informed about utilization for their patients, and the information allows them to follow up quickly when necessary. It’s a valuable resource for primary care providers looking to succeed in value-based care, especially when they are members of an accountable care organization.”

Erin Patrick, Executive Director

“The HIE supplies Aledade’s app with ADT information to let me know when my patients are in the ED or hospital in a very timely manner. This information lets me follow up with patients to make sure they get the care they need to be healthy after discharge and that they understand any new medications and instructions. I can also help create a plan to help keep them healthy and avoid other expensive visits to the ED or hospital. The HIE data, accessible through the Aledade app, gives me insights outside my practice, enabling me and my practice to go further than ever before with coordinating care and improving quality, which helps me better serve my patients! This is a real step forward for primary care.”

Dr. Amy Cunningham, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas