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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

## **Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program**

*Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly  
Under Act 76 of 2016  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2018*



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## ***Letter from the Secretary***

To: Governor Tom Wolf  
President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati III  
Speaker Mike Turzai

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to present the 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program (eHealth Partnership), which covers state fiscal year 2017-2018 from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

This year was marked by successes and accomplishments on behalf of Pennsylvania's patients and providers. During the year, the eHealth Partnership made great progress toward enrichment of the services offered by the statewide health information exchange (HIE). DHS has leveraged managed care contracts, value-based payment programs, and federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) funding to substantially increase provider and payer participation in HIE in Pennsylvania.

This report provides a summary of eHealth Partnership's activities and accomplishments, a summary of receipts and expenditures, a list of contracts entered, and a summary of reportable breaches.

The eHealth Partnership is instrumental in helping DHS achieve its goals of delivering integrated whole-person care and bending the health care cost curve. We are proud of the progress we've made, and we look forward to doing our part to make HIE a key element in improving the health care and well-being of all Pennsylvanians.

**Sincerely,**

Teresa D. Miller  
Secretary  
Department of Human Services

## ***FOREWORD***

On July 8, 2016, [Act 76](#) created the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program (eHealth Partnership) within the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS). Concurrent with the passage of Act 76, Act 121 of 2012 was repealed, and the independent Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority (Authority) and its governing board were disbanded - with the programmatic responsibilities of the Authority transitioned into DHS' eHealth Partnership. DHS is committed to meeting the transparency obligations codified in Act 121 and continued in Act 76. This annual report of the eHealth Partnership covers recent activities of the eHealth Partnership during the state fiscal year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

## ***Act 76 of 2016 and the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program***

The Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program, created under [Act 76 of 2016](#), is required to “submit an annual report to the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for distribution to appropriate legislative committees on the activities of the program for the year, including a summary of the receipts and expenditures, a list of contracts and a summary of any reportable security breaches that occurred and corrective actions that were taken.”

### ***Authority-to-DHS Transition***

The Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority (Authority), the eHealth Partnership’s predecessor entity, was created by statute in 2012. The authorizing legislation included a 2017 expiration and a requirement that, one year prior to expiration, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) “evaluate the management, viability, and performance of the health information exchange and shall provide a report to the Communications and Technology Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall include recommendations as to reauthorization of the Authority, dissolution of the Authority, or assumption of the Authority’s responsibilities and assets by another entity.”

The LBFC evaluation and subsequent report occurred concurrently with the introduction and subsequent passage of legislation moving the Authority into DHS. The [full report](#), and [report highlights](#), are available on the LBFC website, and provide extensive background and history of the Authority and its work toward developing the state’s health information exchange.

## ***Summary of Activities and Accomplishments***

### **Organizational Alignment**

In January 2018, DHS began the process of moving the eHealth Partnership into the DHS Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) and merged the Medicaid (MA) Health Information Technology Incentive Program into the eHealth Partnership. These moves have increased awareness of the benefits of HIE across all the OMAP bureaus and created a much closer alignment between the eHealth Partnership and the program area that allows for leveraging federal dollars to support HIE and public health reporting in Pennsylvania.

### **Awarded Nearly \$8.5 Million in Onboarding Grants**

The eHealth Partnership leveraged the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services funding (approximately 90 percent of grant dollars) to help providers connect to our statewide health information exchange, the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network (P3N), by connecting to our regional, certified, health information organizations (HIO), and to connect to our Public Health Gateway (PHG) through their HIO.

### **Strategic Plan**

DHS approved the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program's Strategic Plan for January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, in September 2017. The eHealth Partnership has been executing against the eight strategies in the plan throughout the fiscal year.

### **New HIO**

The eHealth Partnership awarded provisional HIO status to the first new HIO since 2016, the Central Pennsylvania Connect HIE (CPCHIE). This new HIO is the result of Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health's persistent efforts to provide community HIE services in the greater Lancaster County region.

### **Payer Participation**

Payer participation in HIOs increased dramatically due to the DHS contractual requirement that Medicaid Managed Care Organizations join at least one P3N certified HIO.

### **Statewide Encounter Notification Service**

The P3N Statewide Encounter Notification Service (ENS) alerts a patient's care team when they are receiving care from providers in multiple HIOs. The P3N ENS moved into production on January 31, 2018. This new service allows a patient's care team to be notified while their patient is receiving care from providers in different HIOs. Three HIOs are participating in the P3N ENS (Healthshare Exchange, Keystone HIE, and Mount Nittany Exchange) with a total of thirty-eight (38) hospital emergency departments contributing Admission, Discharge and Transfer notifications (ADT). ADT notifications are helpful for participating providers and payers who must provide comprehensive care to consumers.

### **The Public Health Gateway (PHG)**

The Public Health Gateway (PHG) provides a single connection that streamlines provider reporting into state registries (electronic lab reporting, cancer reporting, immunizations, and clinical quality measurement) through their HIO. All four certified HIOs are now connected to the PHG and there are production connections established by one or more providers to each of the four available registries, including a bi-directional connection to the Pennsylvania State Immunization Information System.

**Extended P3N Vendor Contract**

The eHealth Partnership exercised three option years on the original five-year Truven Health Analytics (Truven) contract to provide the HIE infrastructure that enables P3N services. The three option years extended the Truven contract through April 30, 2021. As part of the contract extension, Truven will provide a robust, authoritative, provider directory and provide additional connections to the P3N (such as new HIOs or state agency EHRs) at no additional cost.

## Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Receipts Detail Report PA eHealth Partnership Program (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018)		
Business Area 21		
Description	Transaction Amount	Notes
Budget Amount*	\$ 12,260,000.00	SFY17/18 Budget across all funds
Deposit - Interagency	\$ 350,000.00	SFY17/18 P3N HIO User Fees
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,610,000.00</b>	
<b>*Budget amount includes Grant funds of \$9,397,000.</b>		

Summary of Expenditures PA eHealth Partnership Program (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018)	
Business Area 21	
Expenditure Type	Expended Amount
Personnel	\$ 366,520
Operational *	\$ 5,341,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,707,945</b>
<b>*Operational amount includes \$4,203,064 in Grant payments</b>	

## **List of Contracts**

<b>List of Contracts Executed PA eHealth Partnership Program (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)</b>					
<b>Business Area 21</b>					
<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>Grantee Name</b>	<b>PA Vendor #</b>	<b>Contract #</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Grant Program</b>
Grant	Keystone Health Information Exchange	793863	21OB18101	\$ 1,795,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	Mount Nittany Medical Center	657990	21OB18102	\$ 335,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21OB18103	\$ 2,845,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange	793238	21OB18104	\$ 630,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	Keystone Health Information Exchange	793863	21OB18201	\$ 1,355,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	Mt. Nittany Medical Center	657990	21OB18202	\$ 160,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21OB18203	\$ 460,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange	793863	21OB18204	\$ 400,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	HealthShare Exchange	777978	21OB18303	\$ 15,000	Hospital/Facility Onboarding
Grant	Keystone Health Information Exchange	793863	21PHG18101	\$ 15,000	Public Health Gateway
Grant	Mount Nittany Medical Center	657990	21PHG18102	\$ 5,000	Public Health Gateway
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21PHG18103	\$ 10,000	Public Health Gateway
Grant	ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange	793238	21PHG18104	\$ 20,000	Public Health Gateway
Grant	Keystone Health Information Exchange	793863	21PHG18201	\$ 202,500	Public Health Gateway
Grant	Mount Nittany Medical Center	657990	21PHG18202	\$ 7,500	Public Health Gateway
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21PHG18203	\$ 90,000	Public Health Gateway
Grant	ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange	793238	21PHG18204	\$ 127,500	Public Health Gateway
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 8,472,500</b>	



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(July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)**

**Business Area 21**

<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>PA Vendor #</b>	<b>Contract #</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Multi-year Contract	Truven Health Analytics, Inc.	200409	4400011233	\$1,216,450	Option Year 1 2018/2019
				\$1,263,450	Option Year 2 2019/2020
				\$1,311,450	Option Year 3 2020/2021
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,791,350</b>	

## ***Summary of Reportable Security Breaches***

The Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network (P3N) experienced no reportable security breaches in 2017-2018.



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