

## Connect to a Health Information Exchange

### ***What is a Health Information Exchange?***

A Health Information Exchange Health Information Exchange (HIE) allows health care professionals and patients to appropriately access and securely share a patient’s vital medical information electronically. For additional information about HIEs, please refer to the HealthIT.gov website <https://www.healthit.gov/HIE>

### ***How can connecting to an HIE assist me with MIPS?***

In 2019 eligible clinicians must meet all required measures for Promoting Interoperability (PI) in order to receive points in this category. One of the measures, Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information, requires connectivity to a Health Information Exchange.

***PI Measure:*** Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information

***Description:*** For at least one transition of care or referral, the MIPS eligible clinician that transitions or refers their patient to another setting of care or health care provider — (1) creates a summary of care record using certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT); and (2) electronically exchanges the summary of care record.

In addition to meeting this PI measures, an HIE can assist a practice to meet the following improvement activity:

***Improvement Activity IA\_CC\_13:*** Practice Improvements for Bilateral Exchange of Patient Information

***Description:*** Ensure that there is bilateral exchange of necessary patient information to guide patient care, such as Open Notes, that could include one or more of the following: Participate in a Health Information Exchange if available; and/or- Use structured referral notes.

### ***How do I connect to an HIE?***

Contact your state HIE authority for specific information:

State	Name of HIE & web link
Florida	<a href="#">Florida Health Information Exchange</a>
Georgia	<a href="#">Georgia Health Information Network</a>
North Carolina	<a href="#">North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority</a>
South Carolina	<a href="#">South Carolina Health Information Exchange</a>