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AHCA Announces Second Round Participants in Florida's Health Information Exchange
~Furthering the use of electronic health records, realizing associated benefits~

TALLAHASSEE—The Agency for Health Care Administration today announced the selection of the second round of health organizations to participate in the state's developing health information exchange. The technology framework provided by the health information exchange will enable participating health care providers to timely and securely access patient health information.

“We are excited to continue our progress toward increasing the use of electronic health records,” said AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek. “This effort will ultimately lead to improvements in patient care and promotes greater coordination among providers.”

The selected organizations are Orlando Health, Atlantic Coast HIE in Hollywood, Health Choice Network in Miami, and the Florida Department of Health. The organizations were selected to join the exchange because of their experience with the secured sharing of health information within their provider network.

The first round of three organizations, selected in July, is in the process of working with Harris Corporation to establish connectivity and it is anticipated they will be able to begin sharing health information in the coming months. They included Tallahassee-based Big Bend Regional Healthcare Information Organization (RHIO), Pensacola-based Strategic Health Intelligence, LLC, and the Florida Division of Adventist Health System Sunbelt Healthcare Corporation.

The Agency has a contract with Harris Corporation to develop the health information exchange infrastructure that will connect health organizations including physicians, hospitals, regional health information exchanges, and state government agencies. Under this contract, a total of 20 health organizations will be brought into the exchange by 2014.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 40,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at FloridaHealthFinder.gov. For more information about the health information exchange, visit AHCA.MyFlorida.com.

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