



## **ADVISORY & REQUEST FOR RESPONSE**

**TO:** All Missouri Medicaid Providers in MO & The Midwest  
**FROM:** Angie Bass, MHC President & Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 2020  
**SUBJECT:** **MO HealthNet: Health Information Exchange Onboarding Program**  
**RE:** **Free Connection to the MO Health Connection Health Information Exchange Network for All MO Medicaid Providers with A Certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) System**

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Please be advised that MO Health Connection (MHC) has funding available to cover the one-time implementation costs associated with connecting to MHC's Health Information Exchange (HIE) network. These implementation costs can sometimes be a barrier for health care providers to be able to participate with MHC which is why we are so thrilled about the HIE Onboarding Program created by MO HealthNet Division, MO's Medicaid agency.

The funding is a combination of 10% state and 90% federal funds allotted in the Fiscal Year 2020 State of MO budget and is allocated specifically for Medicaid providers that want to connect to MHC's HIE network. The HIE Onboarding Program is a demonstration of the MO HealthNet Division's investment in and support of a stronger and more robust interoperability between Medicaid providers to facilitate high quality exchange of health information throughout the state.

MO Medicaid Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Eligible Providers (EPs), under the Meaningful Use program, are eligible for the HIE Onboarding Program and will receive the following cost-free benefits. MO HealthNet will cover the following costs for each EH and EP under the Program:

- **Implementation/Onboarding** costs to establish a connection between MHC and the EP/EHs EHR system. Onboarding to the MHC HIE network requires a data interface to be established between the MHC HIE network and a provider's EHR system so that a bi-directional exchange of health data can be accomplished and facilitated;
- MHC's first year of **MHC Annual Subscription Fees** for bi-directional query-based clinical document exchange, real-time encounter-based alerts and public health reporting requirements; and
- The **EHR interface fee** assessed by the EH/EPs EHR vendor to establish the connection to MHC.

**MHC strongly encourages any Missouri Medicaid provider to contact MHC as soon as possible to get in the queue to onboard to MHC's HIE network by taking advantage of the funding available. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please direct all inquiries about this opportunity to onboard the MHC HIE network to Angie Bass at (573)777-4550 or [ABass@MissouriHealthConnection.org](mailto:ABass@MissouriHealthConnection.org).**