



Study Resolution

Provider Data Sharing to Improve Quality of Care

Authorized by the Joint Commission on Healthcare on December 7, 2021

WHEREAS, Virginia Health Information (VHI) is the state designated health information exchange that houses and manages all of Virginia's statewide and national health information exchange efforts; and

WHEREAS, Virginia collects patient information from hospital emergency departments, federally qualified health centers, community service boards, skilled nursing facilities, clinics, accountable care organizations/managed care entities, and all health plans; and

WHEREAS, organizations and health plans may participate in the All Payer Claims Database (APCD), Emergency Department Care Coordination (EDCC) Program, the Public Health Reporting Pathway, EXCHANGE, and the Advance Health Care Directives Registry; and

WHEREAS, many smaller organizations that would benefit from participation in VHI's programs lack the legal or technological resources to join; and

WHEREAS, patient information that is shared through the various programs are not all integrated, and data are not available to all participants, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Joint Commission on Health Care that staff be directed to study the strengths and challenges across Virginia's data sharing programs.

In conducting its study, staff shall (i) assess the barriers that prevent additional data integration across state data sharing programs; (ii) understand why providers may not be participating in data sharing programs and what might incentivize increased participation; (iii) identify which populations are currently benefitting from state data sharing programs and whether any groups are disproportionately impacted; and (iv) how the information being collected and shared may be used to better understand and improve care quality across the state.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall make recommendations as necessary and review other related issues as warranted.

In accordance with § 30-169.1 of the Code of Virginia, all agencies of the Commonwealth, including the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, and Virginia Department of Social Services shall provide assistance, information, and data to the JCHC for this study upon request. Assistance is also requested from Virginia Health Information.