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HIP TN releases RFP for Health Information Exchange services

The Health Information Partnership for Tennessee (HIP TN) has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a Health Information Exchange (HIE) Solution Provider.

HIP TN, a non-profit collaborative effort of patients, providers, health insurers, self-insured employers, hospitals and pharmacies, released an RFP on June 25 for services to establish a statewide health information exchange to improve the quality of care for Tennesseans. The RFP is available at <http://www.hiptn.org/hip-tn-rfp/>.

“This critical step shows Tennessee’s commitment to being a leader in eHealth. We look forward to moving ahead and establishing a health information exchange that will improve the quality and efficiency of patient care in Tennessee,” said “Board Chair Robert S. Gordon.

A health information exchange (HIE) is a term used to describe the secure electronic movement of health-related information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards. HIP TN is working with the state Office of eHealth to create a program to make electronic health records available to providers on a network across Tennessee.

“HIP TN is soliciting proposals to provide a statewide HIE infrastructure platform for statewide CORE SERVICES and access to state identified ENTERPRISE SERVICES to be accessed by qualified organizations representing providers, physicians, hospitals, other health care organizations, and consumers,” the RFP states.

The HIE will be operated by the contracted solution provider and supervised by HIP TN. Proposals from vendors will be due by 3 pm July 13. The target date for implementation to begin is Sept. 30.

Health Information Partnership for Tennessee (HIP-TN) is a non-profit organization formed in 2009 which works to improve access to health information through a statewide collaborative process by providing services and infrastructure for the secure electronic exchange and use of health information. HIP-TN brings together stakeholders representing the state’s health care providers, health plans, physicians, businesses and consumers to create a health information exchange that will enable the right medical information to get to the right provider at the right time to enhance patient care. For more information, please visit www.hiptn.org