

From: **Rhode Island Department of Health**
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Subject: A message from HEALTH Director Dr. Michael Fine



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Dear Colleague:

As the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, I want to make you aware of my support for CurrentCare—RI's statewide health information exchange and emerging standard of care. If you haven't joined the group of leading Rhode Island providers enrolling patients and using CurrentCare, I strongly encourage you to do so. CurrentCare, developed by the Rhode Island healthcare community, has tremendous benefits for patients and can also provide immediate benefits to your practice.

CurrentCare is the safe, secure way patient information is increasingly being shared among providers throughout Rhode Island. CurrentCare provides you with critical information to improve patient care, reduce duplicate tests and preventable readmissions, and better manage medications. Simply put, it provides a perspective you don't have today by giving you access to data unavailable in your EHR and providing alerts and notifications you can't get anywhere else.

CurrentCare sends real-time Hospital Alerts for enrolled patients admitted to or discharged from a hospital or emergency department. Hospital Alerts enable timely follow-up care to improve outcomes, reduce readmissions, and strengthen the patient-provider relationship.

The CurrentCare Viewer is a web-based portal that gives providers access to up-to-date clinical information for consented patients from CurrentCare's 60+ data-sharing partners. Patients' records include clinical summaries, lab tests, medication histories, allergies, prior diagnoses, and radiology reports. The Viewer even integrates behavioral health with medical care to ensure the highest level of patient-centered treatment.

CurrentCare is the Rhode Island healthcare community working together to better coordinate and improve patient care. Participants include every hospital in the state, hundreds of healthcare partners, and hundreds of thousands of Rhode Islanders. BCBSRI has offered financial incentives to providers who adopt CurrentCare.

If you are not already participating in CurrentCare, I strongly encourage you to begin using these valuable services that are available free to you and your patients. For more information, please contact the Rhode Island Quality Institute's Regional Extension Center: RIREC@RIQI.ORG or [1-888-858-4815](tel:1-888-858-4815).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Fine".

Michael Fine, MD

Rhode Island healthcare providers

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