

# RI REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER

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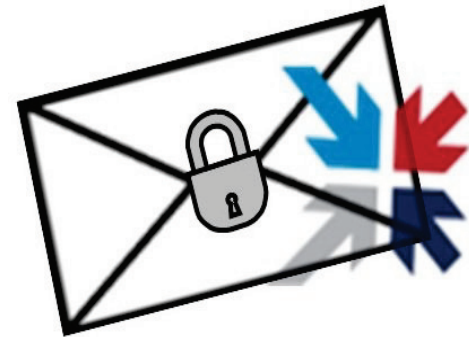


## Direct Adoption Program Webinar

December 2011 & January 2012

Want to learn more about the benefits of Direct Messaging but don't have time to leave the office?

That's why we're providing information about our Direct Adoption Program as a 30-minute webinar:



### **RI REC's Direct Adoption Program: Using Direct Messaging for the secure electronic exchange of health information**

**Hosted by Alice Nyberg**

*HIE Project Management, Rhode Island Quality Institute*

Join us for one of the sessions listed below to learn how Direct Messaging can benefit your practice and your patients, and how we can help you adopt this secure email communication method:

All webinars are 30 minutes and offered on Wednesdays:

**December 14, 2011, and January 11, 2012 (8:30 to 9:00 am)**

**December 21, 2011, and January 18, 2012 (12:30 to 1:00 pm)**

**Register for all webinars at [riqi.webex.com](http://riqi.webex.com).**

For more information and questions, please call 888-858-4815 and select option 5, or send a message to [directprogram@riqi.org](mailto:directprogram@riqi.org).

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*The RI Regional Extension Center (REC) is a service of the Rhode Island Quality Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety, and value of healthcare in RI.*

*To learn more, visit [www.DocEHRtalk.org](http://www.DocEHRtalk.org).*

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## Direct Messaging in Rhode Island



Direct Messaging is secure email for the exchange of patients' protected health information (PHI) with known, trusted recipients. It allows you to safely send notes, referrals, CCDs, diagnostic images, and summary of care records to hospitals, specialists, and other primary care providers who have a Direct email account.

For providers working to achieve Stage 1 Meaningful Use of their EHR, using Direct Messaging satisfies the core measure for electronic exchange of information when it is used to transport content exported from your EHR.

Through our Direct Adoption Program, RI REC is the only one of the 62 Regional Extension Centers nationwide to create a program to help providers with this new technology. Our program helps you choose from a group of qualified [Health Information Service Providers](#) (a HISP is needed for Direct Messaging) in our Vendor Marketplace.

To help you set up and manage your contacts for Direct Messaging, the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) has established the Rhode Island Trust Community (RITC)—a community of verified RI providers. RITC membership is free for all RI REC members and provides a RIQI-signed digital certificate.

As part of several RIQI initiatives, Direct Messaging has already been used to

- [Exchange a Continuity of Care Document](#) (CCD) for a patient before and after a visit to a hospital's emergency department. While a patient was en route to Newport Hospital, a nurse at Aquidneck Medical Associates created and sent a CCD via Direct Messaging to the ED before the patient's arrival. When the patient was discharged, Newport Hospital used Direct to send back an updated CCD to Aquidneck.
- [Connect an EHR with currentcare](#), RI's Health Information Exchange. When triggered by a clinical transaction, Cumberland Primary Care's EHR automatically creates a CCD and sends it to currentcare via a Direct message, making consented patients' data available to all members of the patient's care team. This pilot project is the first in the nation to implement this Direct-based EHR-HIE interoperability: a platform-agnostic architecture that does not affect provider clinical workflow.
- [Send a notification to primary care providers](#) when a patient has a hospital encounter. The Beacon Provider Notification Project leverages currentcare and Direct Messaging to notify PCPs when their consented patients are admitted or discharged from a participating hospital. South County Hospital is part of this initiative; Kent and Women & Infants Hospitals will be sending provider notifications by the end of 2011.

[Learn more](#) about RI REC's Direct Adoption Program; print our [Direct Messaging Setup Checklist](#); and [register](#) for our 30-minute Webinar.

If you're not already a member of RI REC, click the red button now!

Join Now!

Membership is free for providers and staff in the Rhode Island healthcare community.

Any questions? Call RI REC Member Services at 888-858-4815, option 4, or write to [RIREC@riqi.org](mailto:RIREC@riqi.org).