The Changing Face of Public Health

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Forces of Change

- External
 - Health Care Reform
 - Health Information Technology
 - Economy
- Internal to NC Public Health Enterprise
 - Vision for LHD-DPH partnership in CD work
 - Nurse consultants
 - Outbreak response

Health Care Reform

- Health care delivery
- Fewer uninsured
- First dollar coverage for preventive services
- Quality Improvement model
- Core public health services

Core Public Health Services

- Communicable Disease Control
 - Surveillance, investigation, testing and treatment (STDs and TB), other control measures (e.g., I & Q, PEP)
- Immunizations
 - Assurance and enforcement
- Birth and Death Registration
- Preparedness

Health Information Technology

- Electronic Health Records
- Electronic Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- Electronic Surveillance Systems
- Faster, more complete, more transparent

HIT Goals

- Improved healthcare quality
- Better health outcomes
 - Individuals
 - Populations
- Control costs
- Better engage health care consumers

Public Health HIT

As Is

- NC Immunization Registry
- NC Vital Records
- NC Electronic Disease Reporting
- NC PHIN (HAN)
- NC DETECT (NCHESS, PreMis)
- SLPH LIMS (Electronic Lab Reporting)

Public Health HIT

To Be

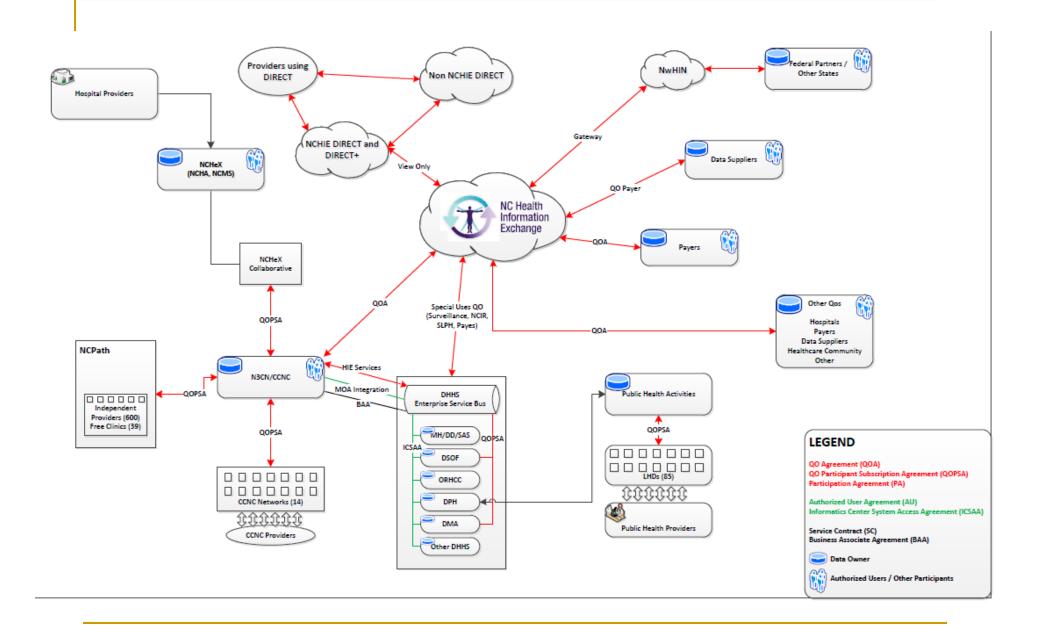
Health Information Exchange can:

Improve Public Health Surveillance:

- Timely and more complete notifiable disease reporting
- More efficient case investigation
- Better prevention and surveillance of chronic conditions and maternal-child health

What is NC HIE?

- NC HIE operates North Carolina's statewide health information exchange, a secure, standardized electronic system where providers can share important patient health information.
- The use of this system promotes the access, exchange and analysis of health information.
- Enables participating organizations to:
 - Save time and reduce paperwork
 - Facilitate more informed treatment decision-making
 - Leads to improved care coordination, higher quality of care, and better health outcomes



Information accessible through the NC HIE

- Patient Identifier and Demographics
- Encounter History
- Laboratory and Microbiology Results
- Radiology Reports and Images
- Adverse Reactions/Allergies
- Medication History
- Diagnosis/Conditions/Problems (primary and secondary)
- Immunizations
- Dictated/Transcribed Documents

Economy

- Doing less with less
 - Triage
 - Clear focus on mission
 - Showing the effectiveness of public health
- We do not get to give up!

LHD-DPH Partnership

- TATP
- Epi on call
- Public health veterinary consultation
- Outbreak support
 - Outbreak training
 - On-site support

We are in this together.