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## **2011 Report on Health Information Exchange: The Changing Landscape**

*Based on Results from eHealth Initiative's Eighth Annual Survey of Health Information Exchange*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What is the purpose of this report?

A: Since 2004, the eHealth Initiative (eHI) has tracked the progress of organizations across the country working on health information exchange. This report summarizes the results of eHI's 2011 Annual Survey of Health Information Exchange. The findings detailed in this report will be used to identify trends, inform policy, and support the forward movement of health information exchange.

Q: What is health information exchange?

A: The act of transferring health information electronically between two or more entities.

Q: What is a health information exchange initiative?

A: An organization that is supporting, facilitating, or transferring health information between two or more entities.

Q: How was the survey conducted?

A: Announcement of the survey was communicated to national, state, regional, and community-based initiatives working on health information exchange through newsletters, mailing lists, and meetings. This is an unscientific survey with self-reported data. Each response was reviewed carefully, and significantly incomplete responses, duplicates, or responses from organizations not directly involved with health information exchange were excluded.

Q: When was the survey conducted?

A: The 2011 survey was launched on May 17, 2011 and responses were collected through June 20, 2011.

Q: Is there a list of all of the health information exchange initiatives?

A: Yes, a full list of current initiatives can be accessed on the eHealth Initiative website.



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Q: Can I access the survey data?

A: The aggregate data will be available for purchase upon request. Please contact [survey@ehealthinitiative.org](mailto:survey@ehealthinitiative.org).

Q: Who is the eHealth Initiative?

A: eHealth Initiative (eHI) is a Washington D.C.-based, independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to drive improvements in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare through information and information technology. eHI is the only national organization that represents all of the stakeholders in the healthcare industry. Working with its membership, eHI advocates for the use of health IT that is practical, sustainable and addresses stakeholder needs, particularly those of patients.