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**Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council Announces
Contract with Health Information Technology Firm**

SAVANNAH, GA – It was announced today that the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (CCSNPC) has partnered with Orion Health, an international leader in health information technology, to move forward on the Chatham County Health Information Exchange (HIE) project.

The HIE program will provide a secure, integrated health information infrastructure that will connect Safety Net providers, consumers, and others involved in supporting health care delivery.

“With this partnership in place, CCSNPC is ready to lay the groundwork for a community-wide health information exchange for Chatham County beginning this fall with a pilot project between J. C. Lewis Health Center and Memorial University Medical Center’s (MUMC) Emergency Department,” said CCSNPC Executive Director, Paula Reynolds.

The information exchange project is expected to improve efficiencies by enabling health information to follow the patient and enhance quality of care by making information available for clinical decision support.

“Memorial Health has long supported the use of information technology to enhance medical care,” said Patty Lavelly, MUMC Senior Vice President and CIO. “This project will help ensure that our emergency caregivers have access to a patient’s full medical history and current records. It will allow us to determine the best plan of care for some of our most at-risk patients.”

The HIE project was selected as one of three state demonstration projects by the Georgia Department of Community Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

For more information on Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council, visit www.chathamsafetynet.org.

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