

HIE Swaps Vendors, Upgrades Services

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Shared Health, a health information exchange serving the state of Tennessee, has dropped Kansas City, Mo.-based Cerner Corp. as its core contractor and plans to go live June 26 with an enhanced platform from several new vendors.

The Chattanooga-based HIE's new Clinical XChange platform will feature more interoperability functions, such as single-sign-on, with electronic records systems and hospital information systems used by its participating providers. It also will offer an electronic health record that aggregates and presents encounter data, medications, lab results, immunizations, allergies and vital signs to clinicians at the point of care. Further, it will feature an automated problem list and population analysis and clinical registries.

Shared Health clinical outreach staff initiated the change after getting feedback about the functionality of the HIE's initial platform from participating physicians, executives say. The new vendors include Allscripts, IBM Corp., Initiate Systems, MedAI, Oracle Corp. and Orion Health Systems.

The legacy platform will remain live during a transition period. Physicians, however, will have to re-register to use the new system using their National Provider Identifier number rather than their tax identification number as they did with the previous platform. The change was initiated to enable the HIE to more easily conduct analysis on

what features of its platform physicians are using.

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