

Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) Names ABILITY Network as Electronic Messaging Services Provider

ABILITY to provide a secure, DIRECT-enabled health information exchange system to Delaware Medical Providers

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – December 19, 2011 – ABILITY Network Inc™, provider of the nation’s largest and most secure web-based health network, was recently named by the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) to power DIRECT Messaging, a standards-based, point-to-point communication tool for Delaware medical professionals established on the federal Direct protocol. ABILITY will enable the secure electronic exchange of health information data between physicians, clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, labs and others via DIRECT Messaging provided by DHIN .

ABILITY Network was selected based on its previous success with industry-leading initiatives aimed at advancing the use of Direct-enabled communication. In January of this year, the company was the first in the nation to demonstrate a live, secure transaction of immunization data using Direct Project protocols. ABILITY also powers the Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network (WISHIN), is a member of the Rhode Island Regional Extension Center Marketplace and is a state certified provider of Direct services in Minnesota

Interested Delaware providers can register for DIRECT Messaging here, and service will be active in December to allow hospitals to comply with HIE-related Meaningful Use criteria before the end of the year.

“We look forward to working with ABILITY to provide secure health information exchange services to Delaware-based medical providers and health care organizations through DIRECT Messaging,” said Dr. Jan Lee, DHIN Executive Director. “DIRECT Messaging allows us to facilitate the Meaningful Use reporting requirements for most of our practices in the shortest amount of time – and we look forward to the secondary benefits they will enjoy once DIRECT Messaging communication is standard practice.”

The Direct Project, sponsored by The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), specifies a simple, secure, scalable, standards-based way for participants to send authenticated, encrypted health information directly to known, trusted recipients over the Internet. It seeks to benefit patients and providers by improving the transport of health information, making it faster, more secure, and less expensive.

“Working with DHIN to help Delaware providers progress with health information exchange to better serve their patients is an opportunity for us to advance the efficiency of healthcare delivery,” said John Feikema, ABILITY President. “We are working to support and lead initiatives around raising awareness for direct data exchange for healthcare, and DHIN’s trust in us as their partner is an affirmation that we are together advancing the quality of care delivery.”

For more information about ABILITY, or to learn more about DIRECT, please visit www.abilitynetwork.com or contact direct.team@abilitynetwork.com.

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About the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN)

Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) is the first live, statewide health information network in the nation. Launched in 2007, today it serves more than 75% of Delaware's acute care hospitals and 80% of the State's medical providers. More than 7,000,000 clinical results and reports are posted on DHIN each year– and total patient records in the system now exceed 1,000,000. For more information about DHIN, and to enroll, visit www.DHIN.org or call 302-678-0220.

About ABILITY

ABILITY works to save lives by facilitating information exchange and knowledge-sharing among every participant within the healthcare spectrum – hospitals, physician practices, home care providers, DMEs, and private and government payers – as well as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In use for more than a decade in more than 3,000 hospitals across the country, ABILITY's network supports healthcare decision makers in their quest to promote care coordination and collaboration, reduce record fragmentation, participate in new and emerging care models, and access the Direct Project network and state and community-based Health Information Exchanges (HIEs). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).