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**MHIN Achieves EHNAC Health Information Exchange Accreditation**

*Accreditation ensures adherence to health data processing standards and compliance with security infrastructure and integrity requirements*

South Bend, IN – August, 2011 – The Michiana Health Information Network (MHIN), one of the most mature HIEs in the nation, announced today that it is among the first HIEs to achieve full accreditation with the Health Information Exchange Accreditation Program (HIEAP) from the [Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission](#) (EHNAC). EHNAC's HIEAP accreditation recognizes excellence in health information exchange and data processing, and ensures compliance with industry-established standards and HIPAA regulations.

Through the extensive consultative review process, EHNAC evaluated MHIN in areas of privacy and security, technical performance, business practices and organizational resources as it relates to health information exchange (HIE) policies and procedures. In addition, EHNAC reviewed MHIN's process of managing and transferring protected health information and determined that the HIE meets or exceeds all EHNAC criteria and industry standards. Through completion of the rigorous accreditation process, MHIN demonstrates adherence to strict standards and participation in the comprehensive, objective evaluation of its business.

"As the industry moves toward health information technology adoption and exchanges more and more patient information electronically, an organization using the right policies, procedures and safeguards is a critical element to ensuring that the highest levels of protection are in place for all associated business partners and customers," said Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC. "To be classified amongst the EHNAC HIEAP-accredited organizations, MHIN has met a high standard for privacy and security as it relates to consent, authorization, authentication, access and audit procedures."

"With so much developing and changing still in the HIE industry, it is important for our regional providers and communities to recognize and understand that MHIN is taking every necessary measure to ensure that we are handling their secure medical information with the most advanced technology and service available," said Tom Liddell, Executive Director of MHIN. "EHNAC HIEAP accreditation reinforces our dedication to serve our region and continue to be a leader in the industry."

**About MHIN**

As a health information exchange incorporated in 1999, MHIN is committed to improving healthcare quality in the communities they serve. Through a variety of communication solutions, MHIN connects healthcare providers throughout the region, ensuring that they have immediate access to the information they need to take care of your patients. For more information, visit [www.mhin.com](http://www.mhin.com).

**About EHNAC**

The [Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission](#) (EHNAC) is a voluntary, self-governing standards development organization (SDO) established to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data. These entities include electronic health networks, payers, financial services firms, health information exchanges and e-prescribing solution providers.

EHNAC was founded in 1993 and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Guided by peer evaluation, the EHNAC accreditation process promotes quality service, innovation, cooperation and open competition in healthcare. To learn more, visit [www.ehnac.org](http://www.ehnac.org) or contact [info@ehnac.org](mailto:info@ehnac.org).

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