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Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange Begins Receiving Data *The Hospitals of Providence First to Contribute*

El Paso, TX- The Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange (PDN HIE) announced today that The Hospitals of Providence became the first organization to contribute data to the regional health information system.

The PDN HIE gives physicians and other community-based health care providers greater access to important health information about their patients.

“This is an exciting beginning for the PDN HIE. I am thrilled with The Hospitals of Providence’s commitment to the HIE,” said Jon Law, HIE Executive Director. “With strong participation, the HIE can improve the quality of healthcare and position our community to benefit from changing models of healthcare financing.”

“We are proud to be the first to contribute data to the HIE,” said Sally Hurt Deitch, The Hospitals of Providence Market Chief Executive Officer and PDN HIE board member. “The immediate communication, provided by an HIE, helps the patient’s care team to track his/her medical needs, which can prevent repeated hospitalizations and expensive, redundant testing.”

Participation in the health information exchange can help patients to avoid costly repeat tests that might not be reimbursable by insurance companies. It also enhances patient safety by reducing the potential for medical errors due to a lack of information about allergies, existing medications, and health conditions.

Robert Resendes, Director of El Paso’s Public Health Department and PDN HIE Board Member, stated, “This will be a tremendous time and money saver for both the patient and physicians.” He added, “It is not uncommon for a patient to have several physicians. Having all members of one’s medical team have access to all records will result in more coordinated treatment and even a reduction in medical visits – freeing up ‘slots’ for other patients.”

The PDN HIE anticipates connecting with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, University Medical Center of El Paso, and the Veterans Administration, later in 2016.

About the Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange:

Paso del Norte HIE is a collaboration of major healthcare partners in the El Paso area. The purpose of the HIE is to share clinical data between healthcare providers to improve health and medicine.

Major partners include: City of El Paso Department of Public Health, El Paso County Medical Society, El Paso First Health Plans, Las Palmas/Del Sol Healthcare, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, The Hospitals of Providence, and University Medical Center of El Paso.

For additional inquiries or questions, please contact Jon Law at 915-242-0674.

About The Hospitals of Providence:

The Hospitals of Providence covers the El Paso Region to include West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The system includes Memorial Campus, Providence Children's, Sierra Campus, East Campus, Transmountain Campus; Imaging Centers; Trawood and Northeast Emergency Rooms; Paso del Norte and El Paso Day Surgery Centers; Teen Health Resource Centers; Wound Care and Hyperbaric Centers; In-patient Rehabilitation Program; Outpatient Therapy Centers; MedPost and MedPost Kids Urgent Care Centers; and 'A New Me' Surgical Weight-Loss Program. The Hospitals of Providence is dedicated to continuing the over 100-year commitment legacy to the El Paso Community.

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