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HealthReach Community Health Centers Joins HealthInfoNet, Maine's Health Information Exchange

WATERVILLE – HealthReach Community Health Centers recently announced its participation in Maine's health information exchange. This computer-based system is used statewide and will help HealthReach share a patient's important health information like drug allergies, prescriptions, medical conditions, and lab and test results with health care providers across the State. This new system is available through HealthReach's partnership with HealthInfoNet, an independent, Maine-based nonprofit that operates the statewide health information exchange.

HealthInfoNet's secure system links information from separate health care sites to create a single electronic health record for individual patients. This record combines health information from HealthReach and all of a patient's other health care providers that participate. HealthInfoNet is already connected to 34 hospitals and close to 400 practices.

"We're very enthusiastic about this partnership," said Richard DeCarolis, DO and Operational Medical Director. "Having access to the HealthInfoNet system will help our clinicians get the information they need to make more informed decisions about our patients' care."

For more information about HealthReach Community Health Centers, visit www.HealthReachCHC.org. For more information about HealthInfoNet, visit www.hinfonet.org

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