

**To: eHealthAlign Stakeholders**

**From: Dr. Laura Fitzmaurice  
Board Chair  
eHealthAlign**

I am writing to advise you that eHealthAlign, which was incorporated last year to create a health information exchange for the Kansas City region, is taking steps to dissolve and to transition its work.

Since its inception, eHealthAlign has achieved a number of its primary objectives. It has helped to create an awareness of the need and benefits for electronic health records and to contribute to the development of health information exchanges, and it has also implemented a core technology platform and information management systems that are now beginning to be deployed in parts of the region.

However, in recent months, the environment under which eHealthAlign was formed has changed considerably. Other state and regional exchanges have been established or are being planned that will provide sufficient technology services to the Kansas City market. These changes have caused eHealthAlign to reassess its purpose, structure and business model.

eHealthAlign believes that there continues to be a need to coordinate emerging exchange services and to develop the capacity to utilize exchange data to improve the quality, patient safety and cost efficiency of healthcare in the Kansas City region. We have concluded that a different strategy needs to be developed to effectively address this need, and that this can be best accomplished through a new community effort that engages a broader set of partners. As it winds down its own operations, eHealthAlign will be working with its funders and other stakeholders to transition its work to meet these needs.

Thank you for your leadership and support in this important initiative.