

~~(3) To be eligible for funding under this subsection, an organization seeking to establish a regional health data exchange shall:~~

~~(i) be a private, nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;~~

~~(ii) have significant experience with health care information technology in the State; and~~

~~(iii) be governed by a board of directors that includes broad representation of the regional health care community, including payers, hospitals, and physicians.~~

~~(b) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall encourage all health care practitioners and hospitals to validate, on or before July 1, 2008, all available elements of previous medical care available through a regional health data exchange.~~

~~(2) The Department shall encourage hospitals to provide emergency department and inpatient discharge summary data to the regional health data exchange on or before December 31, 2008.~~

~~(c) The Maryland Health Care Commission, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, and the Maryland Patient Safety Center shall support the regional health data exchange as a patient safety initiative.~~

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(A) THERE IS A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE PILOT PROJECT.

(B) THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL BE OPERATED BY THE MARYLAND-DC COLLABORATIVE, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT § 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION.

(C) TO INCREASE PATIENT SAFETY, IMPROVE QUALITY OF CARE, AND PROMOTE EFFICIENT HEALTHCARE DELIVERY, THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL TRANSMIT TO PARTICIPATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN A PRIVATE AND SECURE MANNER:

(1) MEDICATION HISTORY;

(2) LABORATORY AND RADIOLOGY RESULTS; AND

(3) INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DISCHARGE SUMMARIES.