

NDHIN WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER



Please join us in welcoming Brandy Schmalz to the NDHIN team! Brandy has spent the last 14 years in the medical field with roles in respiratory therapy and clinical analytics/informatics. She most recently held the role of Clinical Informatics Project Manager for Sanford Health where she provided support to EHR end-users, coordinated enterprise meetings, and collaborated with the EHR vendor, Epic, to create a better product for patient care. Brandy will be taking on the role of Health IT Provider Relations and Privacy Coordinator for NDHIN.

Brandy grew up in the Bismarck/Mandan area of North Dakota and graduated from the University of Mary. In her downtime, you will find her enjoying the great outdoors often deer hunting, camping, boating, or paddle boarding. She has been married to her husband of 9 years who is full time in the National Guard and has two dogs, Kodi and Koal, that she absolutely adores.

REMEMBER: INVOICES ARE DUE JULY 30, 2022

Invoices for the service period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 have been issued to all participants with a due date of **July 30, 2022**. Check your inbox and junk folder for an email from Shila Blend. If you did not receive an invoice for your facility or if you have any questions, please reach out to Shila Blend at sblend@nd.gov.

Items to note:

- If another party is paying your invoice fee, it is your responsibility to facilitate payment to the NDHIN.
- Please submit payment by check to the following address:
NDHIN
4201 Normandy Street
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HOW HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES BOOST VALUE-BASED CARE

In the ever-changing world of healthcare, many providers have turned their attention on value-based care concepts. *What is value-based care?* Value-based care is a form of reimbursement that aligns payment for the care delivered with the quality of care provided, ultimately rewarding the provider their efficiency and effectiveness. Unlike the traditional fee-for-service care model, value-based care models focus on patient outcomes and provider's proficiency in delivering quality care to their patients consistently.

Health information exchanges (HIEs) have been found to support value-based care models by providing support to population health initiatives, boosting care coordination, and reducing healthcare cost. To learn more about how HIEs can be leveraged to support value-based care click [here](#).

QUARTERLY Q&A SESSIONS

Our June Q&A Session focused on **Electronic Case Reporting (eCR)**. Click [here](#) to access the slide deck, FAQs, and recording of the session as well as past Q&A sessions. We have two more sessions scheduled for 2022 and the dates are as follows:

- September 15th
- December 15th

All session times are 12:30-1:00 pm CST. Keep watching your inbox for more information as we will be providing additional information closer to each session date. *Have a session topic that you would like our team to focus on?* Contact us and share your thoughts!

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Are you transitioning to a new EHR vendor? We know that this can be a very busy time and NDHIN wants to assist in making this transition as smooth as possible.

- Please reach out to NDHIN as soon as plans begin on your migration to inform us of the transition.
- Discussions between your facility, your existing EHR vendor, your new EHR vendor and NDHIN may be needed to ensure all established NDHIN data feeds are identified to be transitioned appropriately.
- If you have single sign on (SSO) functionality currently and wish to establish this in the new EHR we can work with the EHR vendor to get this set up.
- We are here to help answer any questions you may have related to your NDHIN access and connectivity as you journey through your EHR transition!

JUST TO NOTE.....

- When an employee leaves your organization, please inform NDHIN to ensure access to the clinical portal & DSM (if applicable) is terminated.
- Making this part of your internal employee departure policy will help to ensure it is not forgotten – Thank you!

NDHIN OUTREACH COORDINATORS

Have questions? Our coordinators are here and ready to assist you.

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The NDHIN is a public/private partnership that resides within North Dakota's Information Technology (NDIT) department. A network model, statewide HIE, NDHIN provides value through a secure online network for electronic health information exchange, a robust patient data set, and an increasing number of connections among North Dakota hospitals, providers, and other related entities.