

Inventory Methodology

The CalRHIO Health Information Exchange (HIE) inventory was created to identify, document, promote, and learn from existing California information sharing initiatives.

The criterion used to define an HIE initiative is: “the ability or intent to share health information across at least one boundary.” A boundary is typically geographic or organizational. We are not including programs that exist purely within a single location or within integrated delivery networks. Also, the inventory currently does not include EHR initiatives, those operating within a single medical group, Veterans Affairs efforts, or HIE applications for consumers offered by employer or payer organizations.

The initial inventory was based on initiatives known to CalRHIO through its Working Group members, other contacts, and its own research. Information for each initiative was self-reported using a survey form and a telephone interview. No effort was made to validate or audit the information provided.

New initiatives will be added to the inventory as they are identified. Information will be updated at least quarterly through a formal request from CalRHIO to the initiative. Initiatives that do not respond after multiple requests may be removed from the inventory database.