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WISCONSIN HEALTH CARE LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE PATIENT RECORDS PORTABLE
Top health systems support the statewide health information exchange, WISHIN Pulse

MADISON, Wis. (May 29, 2013) – Leading hospitals, clinics and health systems took a major step toward improving patient care throughout the state by announcing their support for WISHIN Pulse, Wisconsin’s health information exchange. Participation from these organizations ensures that providers can collaborate electronically with counterparts from different health care systems, even if they operate from separate electronic health records. The use of this community health record will result in records that are portable, following patients wherever they seek care.

The complete list of organizations may be found at www.wishin.org/resourcecenter/pressroom, and includes:

- Affinity Health System
- Agnesian HealthCare
- Aurora Health Care
- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- Columbia St. Mary’s
- Dean Health System/SSM Health Care of Wisconsin
- Froedtert Health
- UW Health Partners Watertown Regional Medical Center
- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

“The overwhelming support of many of Wisconsin’s top health systems and hospitals ensures that providers will have efficient and secure access to their patients’ medical records, where and when they need it,” said Joe Kachelski, WISHIN CEO. “Patients will no longer have to carry their records from provider to provider, or track down past test results before a new appointment. Our state’s health leaders should be commended for doing the right thing for their patients and for the communities they serve.”

“Wisconsin has always been an innovator in health care delivery, and we’ve always been a leader in better care at a lower cost,” said Craig Samitt, M.D., president and CEO of Dean Health System. “We should be innovating in the area of health information exchange as well. It is a necessary component of remaining a national leader in health care delivery.”

WISHIN Pulse enables the efficient exchange of patient information among providers at different hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities throughout Wisconsin. This community health record includes a consolidated summary of a patient’s essential health information. Participants will begin making data available through the exchange this summer.

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About WISHIN

The Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network (WISHIN) is leading the way to enable health information exchange (HIE) in Wisconsin. As the state-designated entity for HIE, WISHIN is working to create a network that will give healthcare providers a secure system to access medical information where they need it—when they need it. WISHIN adds to the medical safety net by offering an electronic shared patient record in a safe and secure environment. With this level of connectivity across provider entities, care can be delivered more effectively and conveniently. For more information about WISHIN, please visit www.wishin.org.