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## Big Sky Care Connect Partners with Collective Medical to bring Enhanced Technology to Montana Emergency Departments

HELENA, MONTANA – [Big Sky Care Connect](#) (BSCC), Montana’s premier state designated health information exchange (HIE), today announced their partnership with [Collective Medical](#), delivering the leading real-time ADT-based care collaboration and provider activation network to reduce readmissions via Montana emergency departments (ED) through real-time alerts and shared care plans. Collective’s technology will power the ED Alerts service offered to BSCC participants. The service is incorporated into providers’ workflow to enhance their clinical decision making to ensure patients receive the best quality of care.

“BSCC is grateful to support Montana providers and patients through our partnership with Collective Medical,” said Jean Branscum, acting Chief Administrative Officer of BSCC. “This ED Alerts service will advance ED providers’ insight into their patients and allow them to better care for their needs.”

Leveraging its longstanding strength in the ED, Collective Medical empowers ED staff to improve patient outcomes by minimizing unnecessary ED utilization, streamlining care for quicker visits and increasing cost savings for both patient and provider. By delivering real-time, actionable care notifications, Collective delivers clinically actionable patient information within a workflow, allowing providers to quickly identify both problems and solutions for the patients they see. Its collaborative functionality allows providers across the medical neighborhood to coordinate together on caring for vulnerable or complex patients, connecting them to the most appropriate care provider and ensuring the best patient outcomes.

“We’re pleased to partner with Big Sky Care Connect to enhance care across Montana EDs,” said Chris Klomp, CEO of Collective Medical. “Together with BSCC’s data infrastructure, our software will enable providers to make better and more informed care decisions on the patient right in front of them. We’re proud to support BSCC and providers across the country in creating better ways to care for patients within their medical communities.”

Often in partnership with public and private HIEs, Collective has built the nation’s largest and most effective network of providers and health plans and is proven to reduce avoidable hospital readmissions. According to an article by [Healthcare IT News](#), within 24 months of

implementing the Collective platform, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington, reduced avoidable hospital readmissions by 25 percent.

“BSCC is focused on supporting Montana through harnessing the power of healthcare information to create healthy Montana communities,” said Branscum “With the ED as the gateway to much of our healthcare system, ED Alerts represent a value-added service that will positively impact vulnerable patients and keep providers better informed. Leveraging our statewide HIE and the services we offer will improve the patient experience, create better health outcomes, improve the provider experience, and reduce total cost of care.”

#### **About BSCC**

BSCC is a 501 c(3) nonprofit created in 2018 to respond to the need for a state-wide coordinated HIE and related services to enhance clinical care in communities throughout Montana. BSCC serves to facilitate timely and secure access by healthcare providers to clinical information between various organizations and engage in other activities to improve and promote the public health and quality of health care in Montana in a cost-effective manner. BSCC is governed by a board of directors made up of physicians and healthcare executives from around the state. For more information visit [mtbscc.org](http://mtbscc.org), email [information@mtbscc.org](mailto:information@mtbscc.org), or call (406) 422-1078.

#### **ABOUT COLLECTIVE MEDICAL**

Collective Medical is the nation’s leading ADT-based real-time care notification, activation, and collaboration platform. Proven to streamline care transitions, improve coordination, and reduce unnecessary length of stay and admissions, Collective helps improve patient outcomes and lower costs by closing communication gaps across care settings that undermine care. With a nationwide network of thousands of hospitals and health systems, primary, specialty, and post-acute clinics, health plans and ACOs, Collective integrates alongside EHRs and health information exchanges to empower decision making by highlighting essential insights and actions to take on patients a provider has already seen, is currently seeing, or should see. Collective is based in Salt Lake City. Learn more at [www.collectivemedical.com](http://www.collectivemedical.com).