



The Exchange

BIG SKY CARE CONNECT
 Montana's Premier Health Information Exchange

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Upcoming Events

August 17-September 15
[SHIEC 2020 Annual Conference Virtual Sessions](#)

September 9-30
[MMA Annual Educational Meeting](#)

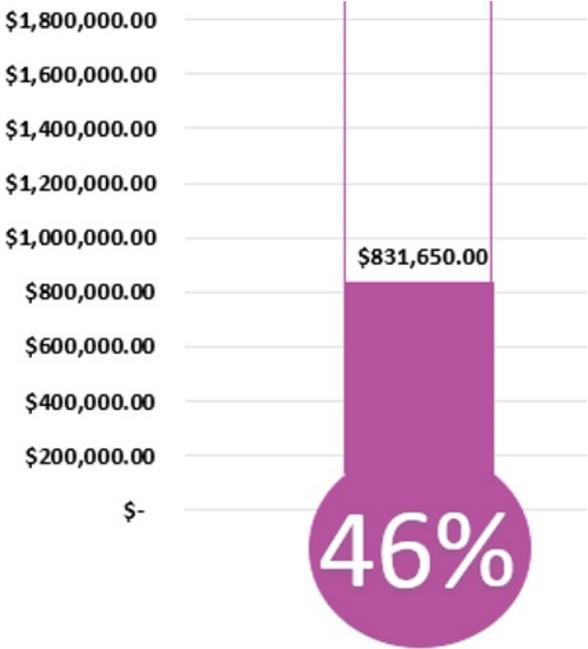
September 20-23
[Montana Health Care Association \(MHCA\) Annual Convention and Exhibition \(Long Term Care\)](#)

September 29-October 2
[Montana Healthcare Conference 2020](#)

November 5 & 6
[BSCC First Annual Conference \(virtual\)](#)

BSCC Board Meeting
[Every third Thursday of the month](#)
[4:00pm MST](#)

Big Sky Care Connect (BSCC) Fundraising



Big Sky Care Connect has currently won \$831,650 in grants, but there is still room to grow. Our teams are working hard to get the funds we need but you can help, too!

Donate to the
HIE

SAVE THE DATE



**BIG SKY
CARE CONNECT**

First Annual Conference

NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Welcome to Big Sky Care Connect!

Prime Time Preparations

It is hard to believe it is almost fall and the BSCC HIE go-live is right around the corner! Each week brings exciting news to share as we get closer to providing a fully operational and robust HIE for the great state of Montana. With that being said, the first round of user acceptance testing has been completed. The process involved back-end testing by the BSCC technical team as well as end user testing by BSCC staff. A second round of testing is scheduled for the week of Aug 31st. I am also excited to share that BSCC has signed 11 healthcare facilities, comprised of hospitals, long-term care, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), clinics, behavioral health, and payors, as participants of the BSCC HIE network. Keep an eye out for the formal announcement coming soon!

If you haven't joined yet, I encourage you to reach out to us as soon as possible. Onboarding is only covered by 90/10 funding until September of 2021. BSCC enables access to comprehensive patient records which saves providers time, keeps care teams better informed about their patient, allows for better informed clinical decisions, increased patient safety, improved health outcomes, and higher patient and provider satisfaction.

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**Join BSCC
Today!**



Participants

11



including Hospitals, FQHCs, Behavioral Health, Long Term Care, Specialty Clinics, & Payors

BSCC Core Services Announced

BSCC core services were selected and represent our support of every BSCC participant. Our services reflect our commitment to provide trusted, real-time health information. Below is the menu of our core services:

Comprehensive Patient Record

BSCC receives data from health systems, hospitals and other providers from across Montana. Claims data from major payors is also received, creating a comprehensive patient record. Providers have access to information not available in their local medical records so they can make more informed decisions regarding patient care.

Medication Feed

The medication feed service will provide an aggregated list of prescribed and dispensed medication data and history at the point of care. Through BSCC's partnership with DrFirst, providers are able to view a patient's most complete medication history.

Patient Event Notifications

Patient event notifications are generated when the patient has an encounter such as an admission, discharge, or transfer (ADT). When your patient is admitted to the emergency room (ER), an electronic notification is generated by BSCC to be sent to the patient's primary care provider, care coordinator, or any member of the patient care team that is utilizing the patient event notifications service.

Direct Secure Messaging

Direct secure messaging (DSM) is a standardized way of exchanging health information over the Internet. Similar to email, but more secure – direct messages are authenticated and encrypted in a specific way to ensure sensitive data is sent and received by authorized parties only.

Analytics

BSCC is offering analytic services to their participants that can be customized to the user. Utilizing the BSCC analytics service can enhance revenue generation capability and assist with required reporting, such as the Merit-Based Incentive Program System (MIPS), or other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Quality Payment Programs.

Image Exchange

The BSCC image exchange will be part of the longitudinal health record that will allow providers to view a patient's image history. The image exchange has proven to reduce the amount of duplicate testing through the seamless sharing of information and it reduces the cost to send and receive images from other facilities through different mediums.

Public Health Reporting

Connections to the following:

- Immunizations
- Electronic Lab Reporting
- Syndromic Surveillance
- Cancer and Advance Directive Registries

Value-Added Service

ED Alerts

The BSCC ED Alerts service is supported by our partnership with Collective Medical to deliver ADT-based alerts for real-time care collaboration in hospital emergency departments. ED alerts features a bi-directional EHR integration that receives real-time ADT and continuity of care (CCD) information from care entities across the state.

To learn more or sign up contact BSCC at information@mtbscc.org or call 406-422-1078.

Informed. Timely. Relevant.

BSCC ED Alerts

BSCC ED Alerts is a value-added service to improve quality patient care and coordination of care. ED Alerts, supported by Collective Medical, deliver ADT and continuity of care documents (CCDs) from across the state in real-time to enhance ED care in hospital emergency departments. This service can be directly integrated into an EHR. The HIE automatically pushes alerts and curated care information directly into existing workflows, allowing care team members immediate insight for their patients. When a patient registers at the ED, BSCC delivers in-EHR notifications, such as high or rising patterns of ED utilization, collaborative care plans or curated histories of care, a history of sepsis, historical violence or safety concerns, and prescription histories. ED Alerts allow for effective and efficient communication of the patient's status and history. Don't wait, sign up for BSCC ED Alerts today! Contact BSCC at information@mtbscc.org or call 406-422-1078.

Read the flyer below for more information about BSCC ED Alerts.

[ED Alerts Flyer](#)

BSCC Webinar

Health Information Exchange: A vital component of Montana's Healthcare Future

Access to patient information is essential to providing optimal care, particularly for complex patients who frequently access the healthcare system across multiple settings. In addition, public and private payor initiatives are reforming healthcare by providing incentives to deliver higher quality and lower cost care through value-based care models. Watch the webinar hosted by BSCC with speaker Dr. Gary Ozanich to learn more about the importance of a health information exchange and how Montana's statewide HIE can assist in providing optimal care for a healthier Montana.

[View Webinar](#)

HIE Industry News



HIEs Proving Their Value in Face of COVID-19 Pandemic

The importance of exchanging data for care



How HIEs are Achieving Sustainability, Proving Value

Across the country, health information exchange (HIE) technology priorities are evolving rapidly as

coordination is only heightened during a health crisis.

[Read more](#)

patients, providers, and payors better understand the multiple benefits...

[Read more](#)

How the VA is Attempting to Increase Interoperability

While the Department of **Veterans Affairs** (VA) has faced considerable health IT challenges in the past few years, the VA is attempting to increase its interoperability and enhance its **health information** exchange and new EHR system.

[Read more](#)

Interested in Joining BSCC

Health Facilities & Providers

Interested in participating in Montana's HIE to gain access to comprehensive patient information collected from payors and health care organizations across the state? Harness the power of health information by joining BSCC, Montana's premier statewide HIE. Contact BSCC today at (406) 422-1078 or email us at information@mtbscc.org. BSCC was created through 90/10 grant funding and championed by leaders within Montana's healthcare community.

Patients

Become a part of the BSCC Network today by talking to your provider. If your provider's facility participates in the BSCC Network then you are already in! Being in the network allows providers who are unfamiliar with your history to access to your health information – like during an emergency or when you change or are referred to another provider. Your participation is voluntary, and you can opt out at any time by requesting an opt out from your provider. If you do choose to opt out, first speak with your provider about the benefits or check out our website at mtbscc.org for more information. Montana's statewide HIE enhances the quality of care while empowering patients to play an active role in their healthcare.

Contact BSCC

Harnessing the power of healthcare information to create health Montana communities.

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