

#### Who is Big Sky Care Connect?

Formed in 2018, Big Sky Care Connect (BSCC) is a 501 c(3) nonprofit created to enhance clinical care in communities throughout Montana through a Health Information Exchange (HIE). The BSCC HIE is Montana's state-designated HIE.



# WHAT IS A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE?

BSCC's HIE is a single, electronic repository of Montanan's electronic health records (EHR's), allowing any provider to access the medical history for patients across care settings. No matter where an individual is seeking treatment in Montana, providers can access their health information at the point of care if they are a part of the BSCC network.

## WHY IS AN HIE IMPORTANT FOR MONTANANS?

An HIE is an amazing system for improving health care and saving valuable time. Despite the widespread availability of electronic data, most Montanan's medical information from their different providers is not easily available electronically at any one point of service – creating an inefficient, time-consuming system. HIEs across the country — and now in Montana — are helping solve this problem.

### Highlights of Big Sky Care Connect's HIE



**Improved Health Care Quality:** By reducing medications; improving care coordination among providers; reducing unnecessary hospital stays and emergency room visits



**Improved patient experience:** By increasing time with providers; reducing time filling out paperwork and briefing providers on their medical histories; reducing unnecessary tests, medications and services



**Improved clinician experience:** By increasing time with patients; reducing redundancy of diagnostic testing; streamlining administrative tasks; mitigating risk



**Lower cost:** By reducing unnecessary procedures, medications and tests; by reducing administrative costs; by making the overall experience for all stakeholders more efficient

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