

Rochester RHIO and Jewish Senior Life Partner to Share Data and Build a Better Patient Record

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More than half of Americans will require long-term care in their lifetime — and while an aging population turns to retirement communities and skilled nursing facilities, many of these individuals will continue to receive care from multiple community providers and hospitals.

Recognizing the benefit to building a complete patient record, Jewish Senior Life, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that offers all levels of care from independent living to skilled nursing, has become the first senior living facility to send clinical care data to Rochester RHIO.

“At Jewish Senior Life, we care for nearly 2,000 people every year, working to enhance their quality of life, health and well-being. By partnering with Rochester RHIO to contribute secure patient data, we are ensuring that these individuals will receive the best possible care no matter where they are being treated,” said Mike King, president and CEO of Jewish Senior Life.

Through RHIO’s Contribute service, organizations achieve bi-directional exchange, meaning they can share data that helps caregivers provide better care for their patients. Contribute is used by hospitals, healthcare organizations, private practices and long-term care facilities to improve healthcare quality, coordination and efficiency.

Jewish Senior Life is the first long-term care facility to meet the New York state requirements to send RHIO clinical care documents. Clinical access requires patient consent.

Data sharing builds a more complete medical record for communities and individuals. When connected healthcare providers share patient data, it results in fewer repeated tests, better diagnosis and monitoring of chronic conditions, and more comprehensive patient health record.

“Collaboration with partners



such as Jewish Senior Life reflects that coordinated care is extending across a much wider spectrum of facilities than ever before,” says Denise DiNoto, director of community services. “Its commitment is the first of many we expect from senior living organizations, making the community’s ability to deliver efficient and effective healthcare all the stronger.”

As the number of participants that use Contribute grows, providers gain a more complete picture of a patient’s health, including recent hospitalizations, laboratory tests and imaging, medications administered, etc. Earlier this year, Rochester RHIO announced that 500 data sources are now contributing patient data, representing hundreds of healthcare organizations that serve more than a million residents each year.