



**To:** All Providers  
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**Subject:** Electronic Health Records (EHR) Deadline

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### **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) DEADLINE**

In order to comply with NC General Statute 90-414.4, that defines the required timing for provider data transmission to the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA) (also referred to as NC HealthConnex), all Trillium providers must connect to NC HIEA by **June 1, 2019** to continue to provide Medicaid and State-funded billable services.

Please click the link below for more information.

 [https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_90/GS\\_90-414.4.pdf](https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_90/GS_90-414.4.pdf)

If the June 1, 2019 date is not extended by the State, any provider that does not have an EHR in place and is not connected to NC HealthConnex will no longer be eligible to bill for Medicaid or State funded billable services.

Please click the link below for more information.

 <https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/electronic-health-records-and-health-information-exchange>



To initiate the NC HIEA connection process, learn more about EHR system requirements, or learn more about the time requirements and other NC HIEA details, please visit this link:  
<https://hiea.nc.gov/providers/how-connect>.

Recently, several questions have arisen in regards to NC HIEA and DHHS offering an extension beyond the June 1, 2019 mandated date to connect to NC HealthConnex. Information has been provided by NC HIEA and the State regarding the Extension Process.

**[Please read the information at this link carefully!](#)**

 <https://hiea.nc.gov/providers/extension-process>

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**


-  Participants **who are in the queue** to connect and are moving forward in the technical process will automatically receive an extension and remain in compliance.
-  New participants who are mandated to connect by June 1, 2019 will automatically receive an extension **if they are still in the queue** to connect on their deadline.


Please note: Participants must remain responsive with the NC HealthConnex technical team and continue to move forward in the connection process. The extension is not a waiver, but simply an extended period of time to finish the connection build.

 No extension deadlines will be set beyond June 1, 2020.

Trillium has confirmed with NC HIEA that you must be in the queue in order to receive the extension. That means that you must still sign the Participation Agreement by the June 01, 2019 deadline.

Please note that Trillium can only share what we have confirmed with the State or what is released in a State Bulletin or Communication. We cannot speculate on reasons or meaning beyond what is stated. Should you have questions in regards to NC HealthConnex, we ask that you address those directly with the NC HIEA through one of the options below:

 919-754-6912

 [hiea@nc.gov](mailto:hiea@nc.gov)

 [www.hiea.nc.gov](http://www.hiea.nc.gov)

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Any questions about this Communication Bulletin may be sent to the following email:

[NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org). These questions will be answered in a Q&A format and published on Trillium's website.

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