



# Resource Document

## Health Information Exchanges

### Overview

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Health Information Exchanges (HIE) enable the electronic sharing of healthcare information, such as medical records, between organizations. HIEs provide safe, secure, and efficient delivery methods between departments and across agencies, and provide an alternative to what would otherwise be a much more tedious process (e.g., phone calls, faxing).

How does this benefit the Medicolegal Death Investigation (MDI) Community?

- Real-time access to electronic medical records
- Ability to quickly verify medical history, view lab results, find next of kin, and determine location of incidents which can speed up the investigation process
- Can decrease turnaround time for death certificates holds
- More accurate and timely cause of death information
- Cost savings to staff, less strain on resource
- Increased efficiency overall

### Additional Resources

For more information on HIE: [HealthIT.gov](http://HealthIT.gov)

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