



## **South Country Health Alliance Announces First Minnesota County to Go Live with Community Care Initiative**

*Connecting Hospitals, Clinics, Public Health, and the Community to Provide innovative Population Health System*

South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) announced it has successfully designed, developed, and implemented the first county population health solution that delivers electronic notification services to the full community. The new capability is part of SCHA's Health Information Exchange, called DiamondView, which helps caregivers better manage care transitions throughout the entire cycle of care given to its members. DiamondView incorporates the county's claims information with facility admissions, discharges, and transfers, as well as other community information, critical to delivering wellness to the county, with the insights to provide deeper care pathways for its members.

The integration of this information, across the hospitals, clinics, county public health and social services, and other ancillary organizations in Kanabec County, makes it the first of its kind in the state of Minnesota. The new capabilities in DiamondView Alerts adds to the already operational solutions offered by SCHA: DiamondView Messaging, delivering direct secure messaging on any device, and DiamondView Analytics, delivering population health analytics.

"Transitions of care alerts are critical for a variety of providers, not just the physicians and hospital," said SCHA CEO Leota Lind. "Typically, other care providers, such as public health nurses or long-term care facilities, do not get notifications about patients in a timely fashion. Our new Health Information Exchange, DiamondView, changes that."

Sandy Zutz-Wiczek, COO of FirstLight Health System, states, "FirstLight's goal is to improve patient care, and this transformative technology connects us with our community partners including St. Clare's Living Community of Mora, Kanabec County Public Health, and other ancillary facilities, truly making the patient's care, health, and safety a priority."

"Kanabec County, along with FirstLight Health System, St. Clare Living Community, and other community partners have had a long history of working together to coordinate care for residents," said Kathy Burski of Kanabec County Community Health. "DiamondView will allow partners to provide greater coordination of care in a much more efficient manner. We are excited to be a part of this cutting-edge process and look forward to the improved patient/client outcomes that will result as the Health Information Exchange is rolled out in the community."

SCHA's CIO, John Whittington, added: "Our key partners in making DiamondView a reality were Medicity as the application vendor and Timmaron Group for the integration and rollout. Both Timmaron Group's know-how and national experience, coupled with Medicity's deep expertise in interoperability, made this electronic notification service a true innovation for our health plan."

"Community care is a passion and focus for our team. It's about engaging and enabling all rural, urban, and ancillary caregivers to deliver better health outcomes and deliver that care more efficiently," said Barbara Stinnett, Timmaron Group CEO. "We are proud to be partners with South Country and Medicity to make this innovation a reality here in Minnesota."



"We are excited about the launch of 'Medicity Notify' with South Country and Timmaron Group in Kanabec County," said Patrice R. Wolfe, CEO of Medicity. "With event-based notifications, organizations can deliver essential information to the right hands at the right time to support care coordination and patient outcomes."

South Country Health Alliance is rolling out these capabilities across their 11 counties and welcomes collaboration from communities here in Minnesota.

#### About SCHA

South Country Health Alliance is a county-based purchasing health plan owned by 11 Minnesota counties — Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Morrison, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, and Waseca — in a joint effort to support accessible, quality healthcare through partnerships with community services and local healthcare providers for Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees. SCHA began enrolling members in November 2001 and now covers more than 40,000 adults and children. The health plan offers comprehensive coverage and emphasizes preventive and routine care to meet the healthcare needs of Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees in its service area. For more information about SCHA, call 1-866-567-7242 or visit [www.mnscha.org](http://www.mnscha.org).

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