

Mass Hlway Newsletter

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Greetings!

Welcome to the Mass Hlway Newsletter. To sign up for the Newsletter and other Mass Hlway announcements, and to get more information, visit www.masshiway.net.

November 6, 2017 HIT Council Meeting

Please click [here](#) for the full presentation from the meeting held on November 6, 2017, which includes updates on the following topics:

- Mass Hlway Connection Requirement: Year 1 and Year 2
- Mass Hlway Event Notification Service (ENS)
- Mass Digital Health Initiative
- MeHI Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative
- Mass Hlway Operations Metrics

A complete listing of past HIT Council presentations, agendas, and minutes is found [here](#).

Update on Hlway 2.0

The Mass Hlway is working to implement a new Mass Hlway Direct Messaging System, known as Hlway 2.0. This new system will be a part of the DirectTrust, the primary facilitator of HISP-to-HISP connections nationwide, to enable the Mass Hlway to more easily connect to other HISPs and continue to serve as the network of networks across the Commonwealth and into other states.

Mass Hlway anticipates that implementation of Hlway 2.0 and the process of migrating current Participants will commence in early 2018.

Update to the Mass Hlway Policies and Procedures

The [Mass Hlway Policies & Procedures Version 4](#) takes effect as of December 1, 2017.

The Mass Hlway Policies & Procedures has undergone an update in late 2017 in order to:

- Update and clarify the process for providers to submit annual Attestation Forms to comply with the Mass Hlway Regulations (Section 5). For more information about the Mass Hlway Regulations, review the [Summary](#) and [FAQs](#).
- Add Provider Organizations (Accountable Care Organization, Community Partner, and Community Service Agency) to the existing rate card and provider category definitions (Section 14).

Questions?

Email us at masshiway@state.ma.us

New Mass Hlway Enrollments and Connections

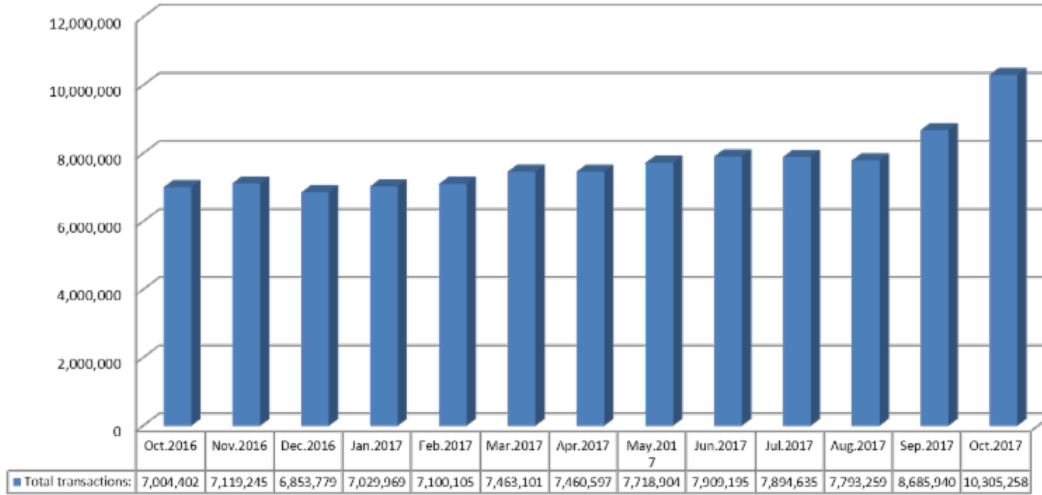
September 21 - October 20, 2017

Chelsea Skilled Nursing and Rehab
Child and Adolescent Health Specialists
Courtyard Nursing Care Center
Dr He's Primary Care For Adults
Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc.
Gilchrist, Michael MD
Hallmark Health Systems
Hand Surgery, PC
Hanover Pediatrics
Leon Remis, MD
Lynn Community Health Center
Pediatrics Healthcare at Newton Wellesley
Peter J. Kelly, M.D., P.C.
Wayland Pediatrics

+ 7 Non-participant organizations

Over 10 Million Transactions Exchanged in October

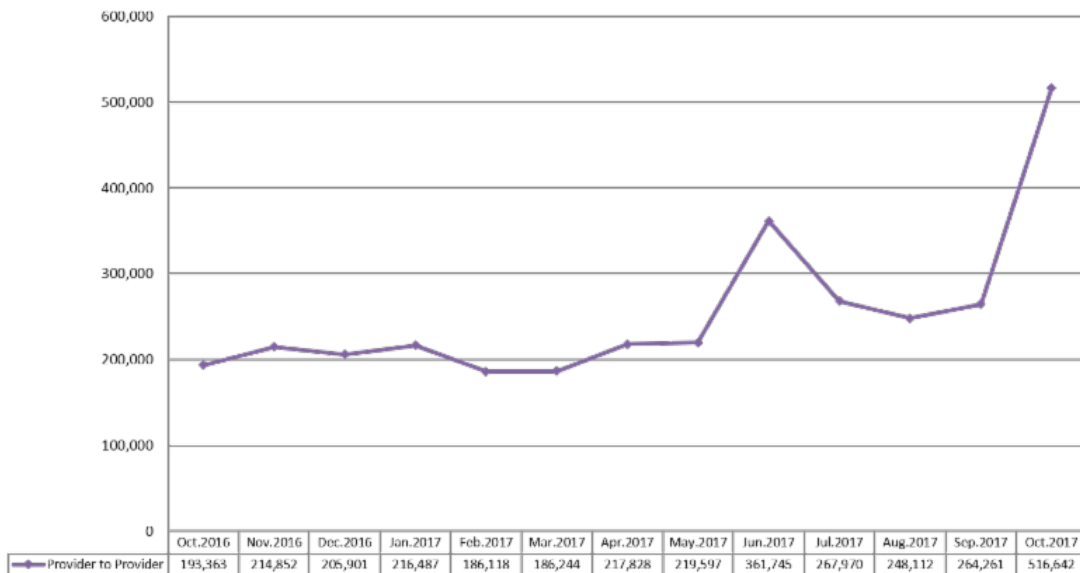
10,305,258 Transactions exchanged in October (09/21/2017 to 10/20/2017)



See Appendix A (slides 48-63) in the November HIT Council presentation [here](#) for more transaction details.

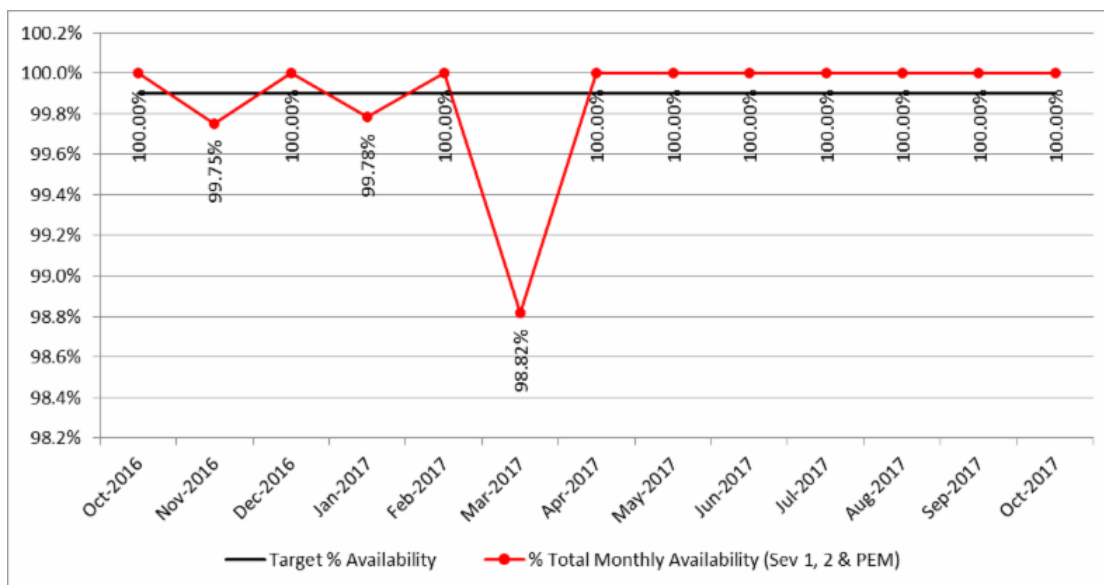
Increase in Provider to Provider Communications

Data show significant increase in Provider to Provider communications over the Mass Hlway from September to October 2017.



Mass Hlway Availability Data

Mass Hlway has achieved 100% availability for 7 consecutive months



HIT in the News

- How healthcare providers can help end the overprescription of opioids. [Harvard Business Review.](#)
- For opioids and substance abuse, big data analytics is just the beginning. [Health IT Analytics.](#)
- Regenstrief to evaluate how health information exchange impacts EDs. [Health Data Management.](#)
- Vynca wins ONC's patient-matching algorithm challenge. [Modern Healthcare.](#)
- During Senate Hearing, ONC, CMS leaders report on progress implementing HIT provisions in Cures Act. [Healthcare Informatics.](#)
- 50 hospital and health system CMIOs to know. [Becker's Hospital Review.](#)

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