Covid Urges Health Information Network Exchanges to Health Data Utility Model

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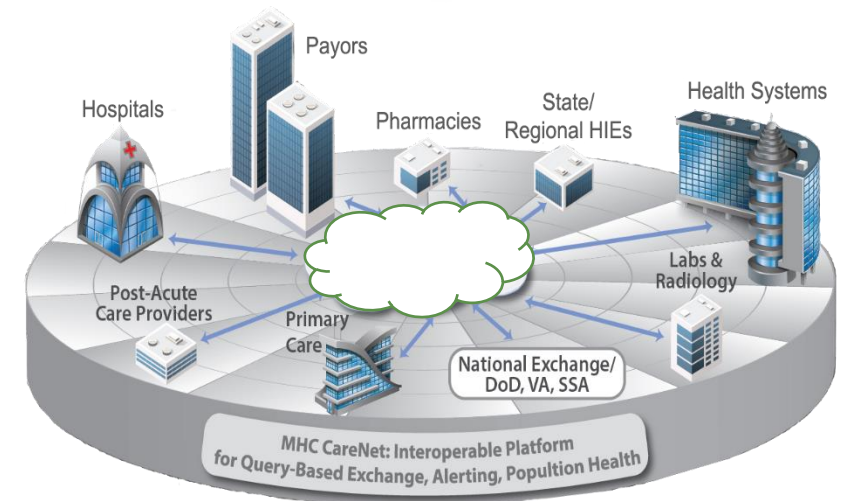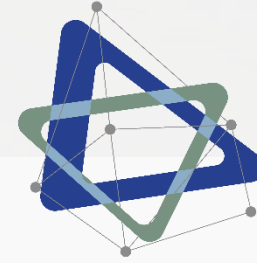

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What is a Health Data Utility, and where did the phrase come from?

- Through the COVID-19 pandemic, it became clear that the country needs a national system for public health

- A national model that leverages a network of coordinated state-based health data utilities (HDUs) is envisioned so local, state, and regional communities are equipped for any health care needs that require real-time access to data and analytics

- An HDU is a designated entity that extracts/collects data from disparate health data sources including:
  - Providers
  - Health plans
  - Patients
  - State agencies/registries
  - Community-based organizations
  - Supply chain/manufacturers
  - Emergency management agencies/organizations
  - Other relevant health care stakeholders

- HDUs then generate data output and payloads that are meaningful and relevant to healthcare stakeholders

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