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Quality Institute backs Direct Messaging email

PROVIDENCE – A new statewide drive to help providers understand and adopt Direct Messaging, a simple, secure and cost-effective manner for sending patients' protected health information to other providers and hospitals, was launched on Sept. 8 by the Rhode Island Quality Institute.

Direct Messaging is secure email messaging that allows providers the ability to safely and securely send information to other providers, specialists or hospitals that have a Direct email account. By using an industry-standard technical infrastructure and legal framework, Direct Messaging ensures sensitive information is transported securely and delivered correctly.

"Direct Messaging will improve patient care and increase coordination between health care providers," said R.I. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse. •