



## **Guardian Health Services Becomes a Member of CommonWell Health Alliance**

**Winter Park, FL and Boston, Mass., 2/15/2017** – Today, Guardian Health Services announced it is joining CommonWell Health Alliance® as a General Member to help break down barriers to nationwide data exchange. CommonWell, a non-profit trade association, is dedicated to the simple vision that health data should be available regardless of where care occurs.

According to Black Book, 94 percent of America’s providers, health care agencies, patients and payers persist as meaningfully unconnected.<sup>1</sup> In an effort to improve the status quo, CommonWell and its members have committed to using their diverse experience across the health care continuum to produce and deploy real-world, cross-vendor interoperability services that will contribute to improved health care delivery and outcomes for providers and the people they serve.

CommonWell and its members are actively deploying these interoperability services, which are now live at 4,700 provider sites nationwide, ranging from large acute hospitals to rural specialty practices. CommonWell services include person enrollment, record location, patient identification and linking, and data query and retrieval across the health care continuum. Unique to CommonWell, its services aim to solve the patient linking and identity problems at scale. Additionally, CommonWell members have access to a working, functioning record locator service, allowing providers to find health records associated with a patient, no matter where the care is delivered. Services are built into the software by CommonWell member companies to help providers maintain their existing workflow.

“Guardian Health Services shares our vision that health data should be accessible to providers and the people they serve,” said Nick Knowlton, Membership Committee chair for CommonWell Health Alliance and vice president at Brightree. “By adding Guardian Health Services to our diverse membership, we can continue to break down the barriers that have stood in the way of nationwide data exchange.”

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<http://blackbookmarketresearch.com/product/2014-black-book-state-of-the-private-enterprise-health-information-exchange-industry-top-hie-vendors/>

Through our innovative HIE based software solution patients, providers, and payors are able to collaborate on a level previously never seen before, as the Guardian Solution is able to constant pull relevant healthcare information from multiple disparate sources and channel them all into a singular Patient Master Chart. By joining CommonWell Health Alliance as a **General** Member Guardian Health Services can bring even more value to its customers by offering an additional interoperability solutions, increasing the amount and sources of relevant healthcare data in the Patient Master Chart to assist in better identifying and creation actionable items for patients, payors, and providers to act upon.

Guardian Health Services joins the Alliance with the intention to deploy CommonWell services in an effort to enhance nationwide interoperability in health care. Members that deploy CommonWell services enable providers to work seamlessly within their existing workflow by building the capability to exchange health data into their software. To date, more than 50 organizations are members of CommonWell.

For more information on Guardian Health Services, LLC visit [www.itsguardian.com](http://www.itsguardian.com).

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### **About Guardian Health Services, LLC**

Guardian Health Services, LLC using its cloud-based HIE solution offers healthcare organizations realistic, cost-effective, and efficient programs and service delivery platforms enabling real-time comprehensive care coordination and care management services that result in measureable and high quality performance outcomes.

### **About CommonWell Health Alliance**

CommonWell Health Alliance is a not-for-profit trade association of health IT companies working together to create universal access to health data nationwide. CommonWell members represent two-thirds of the acute care EHR market<sup>2</sup> and more than one-third of the ambulatory care EHR market<sup>3</sup>, as well as market leaders and technology innovators supporting care settings such as post-acute care, imaging, perinatal, laboratory, retail pharmacy, oncology, population health, emergency services and more. CommonWell and its members are committed to the belief that provider access to health data must be built into information technologies at a reasonable cost for use by a broad range of health care providers and the populations and people they serve.

To learn more about CommonWell Health Alliance, visit [www.commonwellalliance.org](http://www.commonwellalliance.org). Engage with CommonWell on our [Blog](#), as well as through [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and Twitter using the handle, [@CommonWell](#). CommonWell Health Alliance® and the CommonWell Logo are registered trademarks of CommonWell Health Alliance Inc.

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<sup>2</sup> KLAS - 2016 Hospital EMR Market Share, May 2016. © 2016 KLAS Enterprises, LLC. All rights reserved. [www.KLASresearch.com](http://www.KLASresearch.com)

<sup>3</sup> SK&A, a Cegedim Company - "Physician Office Usage of EHR Software" SK&A. February 2016.

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