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### SAFETYNET CONNECT'S TECHNOLOGY INCLUDED IN A STATEWIDE DEMONSTRATION OF DATA EXCHANGE THROUGH NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK (NHIN)

*The demonstration could bring ARRA stimulus funding into the state and includes participants such as Kaiser Permanente, Long Beach Network for Health, RedWood MedNet and Physician Medical Group of Santa Cruz*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., June 26, 2009 - SafetyNet Connect, a joint venture between NetChemistry and ELM Technologies in Newport Beach, has announced that its technology, ER Connect, was among those highlighted in a demonstration conducted on June 25 aimed at displaying how to exchange health information electronically through the National Health Information Network (NHIN).

SafetyNet Connect was among five organizations to participate in the statewide demonstration, which included Kaiser Permanente, Long Beach Network for Health, RedWood MedNet, and Physicians Medical Group of Santa Cruz. The organizations used technology each has independently developed to link directly to the National Health Information Network (NHIN), which enables the sharing of information among emergency rooms, medical groups, and individual physicians.

Together, SafetyNet Connect and the other healthcare providers used the demonstration, organized by the California eHealth Collaborative, to demonstrate how community-based health information exchanges (HIE) or provider networks that conform to NHIN standards can securely exchange meaningful data for patient treatment purposes without compromising patient care, privacy and security. However, for the sake of the demonstration, the information exchanged was test data rather than live data.

"The demonstration is a huge milestone in California and possibly for the nation," said Keith Matsutsuyu, CEO of ELM Technologies. "Connecting our ER Connect solution to the established NHIN-standard architected gateway enables us to impact ER utilization and increase access to our customers patient's information through other NHIN gateway HIE's."

ER Connect utilizes open-source technology in order to create an HIE-ready gateway for its clients. Through this gateway, ER Connect is not only able to provide local emergency-room physicians with the ability to view and share critical patient information, but can now provide them with the ability to access information across the state or country from other NHIN standard participating HIE's. Additionally, it enables physicians to provide direct referrals to community clinics. The technology has already proven successful in Orange County, Calif. where it has been used since 2006 and has been linked directly to a decrease in emergency room visits and an increase in patients placed in a medical home.

In order to participate in the demonstration, all the organizations in the collaborative signed a version of the Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement (DURSA) required for connection to the national NHIN gateway.

During the demonstration, there was a clinical scenario behind the exchange of data. Information exchanged included a clinical summary of each patient, similar to the data which would be shared between a referring primary care physician and a specialist, such as lab results. Several records were exchanged to show that the process is general and not a special case.

Each data exchange was observed by one or more staff of the California Privacy and Security Advisory Board. The exchanges were recorded in an online session and are available on the eHealth Collaborative's website at [www.CAeHC.org](http://www.CAeHC.org).

“We are pleased to demonstrate that we can leverage the open-source, certified (NHIN) Connect solution to offer local providers the ability to securely share health care information with each other and to access information nationally,” says Jamie Ferguson, Kaiser’s Director of Health Information Technology Strategy and Policy for Kaiser Permanente and a member of the National Health IT Standards Committee.

The timing of the demonstration coincides with the CONNECT ’09 Seminar in Washington D.C. where Public and Private sector organizations will convene to learn about how to implement the federally-developed solution that will allow them to connect to the NHIN. The California demonstration will serve as the basis for one of the presentations illustrating the role played in a public/private information exchange.

#### EXCHANGE OPENS ARRA STIMULUS OPTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA

The demonstration could help bring some of the \$20 billion allocated in President Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for healthcare IT into California, especially if it proves that such an exchange can happen without compromising patient privacy and security. The collaborative is confident that it will.

“Providing local physicians and other Safety Net providers with low-cost access to data exchange technologies is key toward advancing the Obama Administration’s goals”, said Chris Cruttenden, President of NetChemistry. “Through this demonstration, the eHealth Collaborative is proving that health information can be shared effectively without compromising patient privacy and can provide local physicians and other safety net providers with low cost access to data exchange technologies.”

Through the ARRA 2009 stimulus packet, healthcare providers can have access to the technology with grants and loans being offered to participants that utilize certified Electronic Health Records technology to improve care to patients. Once this technology becomes widespread, authorized doctors and staff will have a more complete picture of a patient’s health status regardless of where they are located.

#### ABOUT SAFETYNET CONNECT

SafetyNet Connect was founded in 2008 to provide a fully-functioning Health Information Exchange (HIE) and suite of supporting web-based solutions under a single, fully-integrated umbrella for those public/private organizations serving the “forgotten population” in Orange County, Calif. -- the underinsured and uninsured. SafetyNet Connect has accomplished this through its 5 offerings, AuthMed, eCEDA, ER Connect, Clinic Connect and Community Connect, all which assist in enrolling and tracking patients and their data throughout the healthcare community.

The company’s name reflects its connecting role among the Orange County Safety Net, a collaboration of health-based programs serving the uninsured and underinsured in the region. SafetyNet Connect is a company created from the partnership between Internet and software solutions provider NetChemistry, Inc. and ELM Technologies – both which have a rich history of providing software that enables collaboration between hospitals, insurance companies, managed care organizations, third-party administrators, physician groups and public sector health plans. For more information please visit [www.safetynetconnect.com](http://www.safetynetconnect.com).

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