

# Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee

- November 13, 2024
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**AGENDA**

**Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC)**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Location:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6494633103287614045>

**Dial-in Information:** will be provided upon registration

TIME	ITEM
1:00 pm	Call to Order - Welcome
	Roll Call
1:05 pm	Review & Approve Meeting Minutes (action item)
	Previous Action Item Review and Status Updates
1:25 pm	HIE Unit Updates
2:15 pm	Election of Chair and Vice Chair (action item)
2:25 pm	Public Comments
2:30 pm	Meeting Summary
	Next Steps
2:45 pm	Adjournment

# Call to Order Welcome



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# Roll Call



# Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes



**Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 8, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
**Location:** GoToWebinar

**Members Present:** Craig Dalton, Marie Ruddy, Ankush Bansal, Joe Velderman, Kayvan Amini, Cindy Meredith, Dennis Hollingsworth, Kim Streit, Melanie Brown-Woofter, and Tab Harris

**Presenters:** Brittney Roth, Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Shenkman, Dr. Mei Liu, Jane Bedford, Kendra Siler, Michael Lefter

**Agency Staff Present:** Milly Hardin, Crystal Ritter, Jaime Bustos, Erika Pearce, Kim Davis-Allen, Sketch Piers, and Suzanne Kirayoglu

**Interested Parties Present:** Walt Culbertson, Ashely Tait-Dinger, Louise St. Laurent, Hailie Mondoux, Maria Catalina Jaramillo, James Mcfaddin, Kevin Kilgore, Rich Jolley, Mackenna Davis, Shelley Mannino, Mary Kay Owens, Sean Ross, Joyce Case, Christina Samper, Linda McDonald, Cassidy Schenk, Sierra Snow, Stephaine Clarke, Debbie Antioco, Ashely Bard, Stacy Hall, and Marni Stahlman

**Meeting Materials:** HIECC Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/Health-Information-Exchange-Coordinating-Committee)

**Call to Order - Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M., by Craig Dalton. Craig then asked Milly Hardin to read the health information exchange (HIE) Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) statement before the roll call. On Monday, May 6, 2024, the Agency released AHCA ITN 012-23/24 Statewide Health Information Exchange Service and the Vendor Information Portal. With the release of this ITN, the Agency entered the statutory blackout period. Pursuant to Section 287.05725 Florida Statutes (F.S.), which prohibits any person from contacting an employee of executive or legislative branches until 72 hours after the posting of an award from the solicitation. Any communication by or on behalf of a potential respondent during this period is strictly limited to the procurement officer as provided in the ITN. The procurement officer for this ITN is Weston McCain.

**Roll Call:** Milly noted that Andrew Chang, who is a new member of the committee, could not attend this meeting, and will be introduced at the next.

Milly Hardin took roll, and a quorum was present.



**Review and Approval of Minutes and Previous Action Items:** Milly Hardin asked the Committee if they had a chance to review the minutes, the Committee agreed they had. Milly asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Tab Harris moved for approval of the minutes. Melaine Brown-Woofter seconded the motion, with no objections, the minutes were approved.

Milly Hardin went over the previous action items and gave status updates.

Previous Action Items	Owner
Arrange for a speaker on paramedicine for a future HIECC meeting. <i>This has been scheduled for the August 8, 2024, meeting.</i>	Pam King
Update the Committee when the Medicaid and HIE procurements are out of their respective blackout periods. <i>Still pending.</i>	Pam King
Live Healthy implications to HIE. <i>There is one provision in section 408.051 F.S. that requires hospitals to share data with the Florida HIE.</i>	Milly Hardin
Define facility types and patient record components covered by the 42 CFR Part 2 changes. <i>Organizations that treat for substance use disorder.</i>	Milly Hardin

**Para-medicine Program:** Michael Lefter and Jane Bedford provided a presentation on the para-medicine program overseen by the Florida Department of Health (Florida DOH). The Committee asked questions to clarify the use of the program, which varies based on community needs in each area. There was much discussion about the benefits of data sharing from the para-medicine programs to the health care community through the Florida HIE. The Agency will follow up with Florida DOH to maximize this opportunity.

**Encounter Data for Research Discussion:** Kendra Siler introduced herself, Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman, and Dr. Mei Liu. After introductions, Dr. Shenkman provided an overview of the One Florida program. There was much discussion on data sharing through both the Florida HIE and directly from sources to help reduce gaps in research data. Dr. Shenkman clarified that the data trust is covered by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) with a HIPPA waiver of authorization, and that the data is deidentified. There was additional discussion about the need to improve connectivity to be able to share data for improving health outcomes. The Committee recommended that the Agency review how other HIE organizations throughout the country are handling research data requests.

**Florida HIE Update:** Milly Hardin gave the Florida HIE update. She shared that there has been continued overall growth in the Florida HIE's Event Notification Service (ENS). The ENS has 19 new subscriber agreements through Quarter 2 of 2024 – which is on target for the goal of obtaining 35-38 new subscribers in the calendar year. There is now a total of 827 data sources – with 27 new data sources – sharing through June 2024.



Ms. Hardin noted that the Emergency Patient Look-Up System (E-PLUS) was activated for Hurricane Debby and shared that although Hurricane Debby was only a Category 1 hurricane, there was good utilization of the system.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Meeting Summary:** Craig Dalton and Milly Hardin provided a meeting summary.

**Next steps:**

The HIECC will meet again on November 13, 2024.

New Action Items	Owner
Share the slides from the Para-medicine Program with members	Crystal Ritter
Share the slides from the Encounter Data for Research Discussion with Members	Crystal Ritter
Research the ways other states are sharing health data for research purposes	Milly Hardin

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Tab Harris moved to adjourn at 2:38 PM, with a second from Kim Streit, with no objections, the Committee adjourned.



# Previous Action Items and Status Updates

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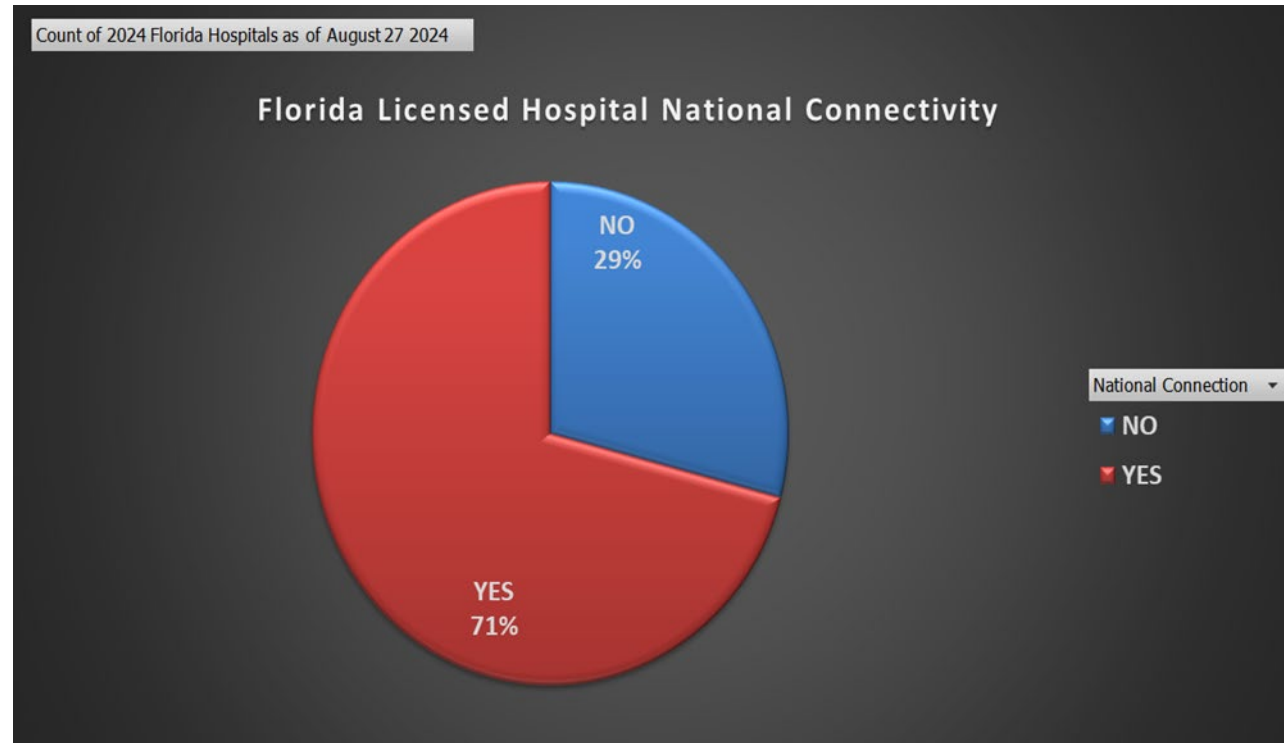
# HIE Unit Updates



# National Patient Record Exchange Connectivity (Query Exchange)

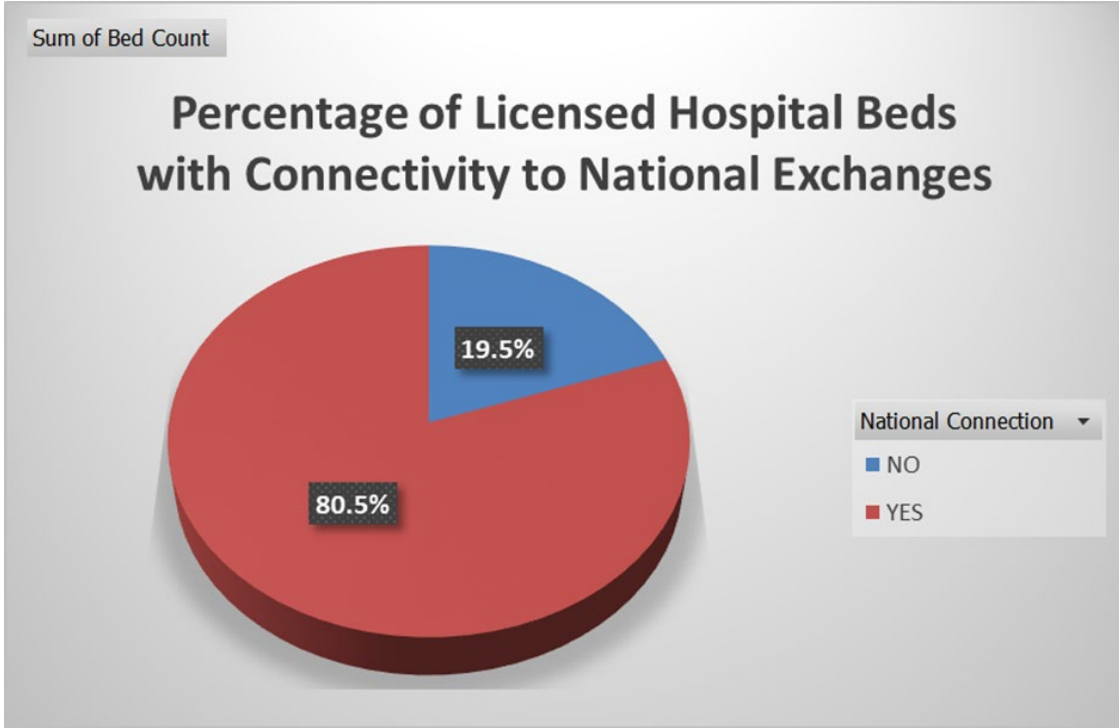
# Florida HIE Patient Record Exchange Indicators

- Total Florida Licensed Hospitals Connected to a National Exchange
- Total Florida Licensed Hospitals Not Connected to a National Exchange



# Florida HIE Patient Record Exchange Indicators

- Total Florida Licensed Hospital Beds Connected to a National Exchange
- Total Florida Licensed Hospital Beds Not Connected to a National Exchange

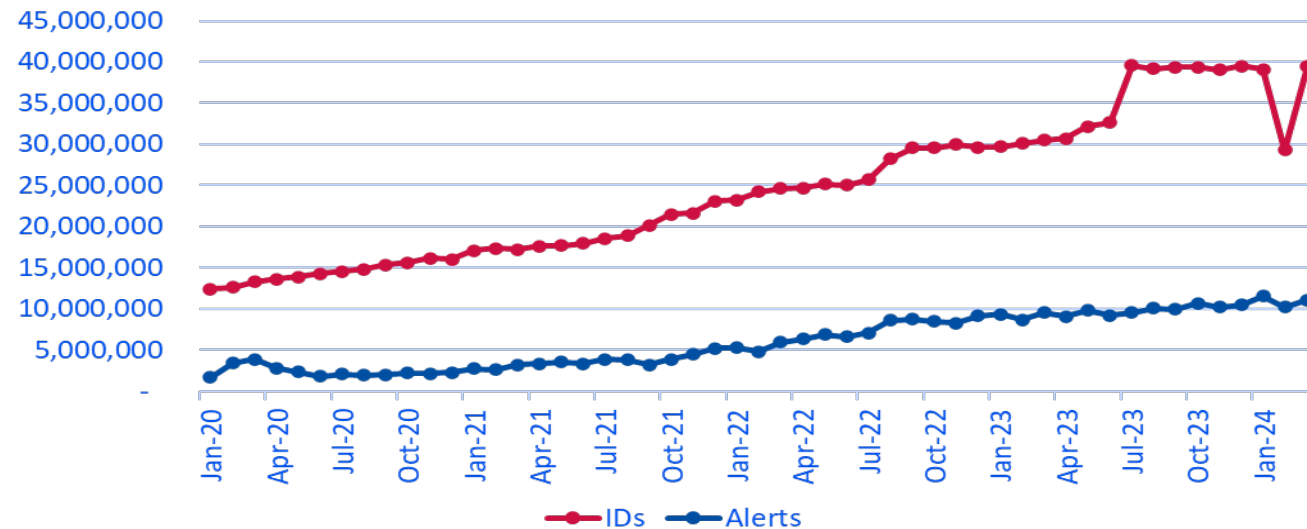


# Encounter Notification Service Exchange Connectivity

# Florida HIE ENS as of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024

- Total ENS Patient Identities Subscribed to Q3 2024: 107,931,800 thousand
- Total ENS Notifications Sent Q3 2024: 32,848,059 thousand

ENS Patient IDs and Number of Alerts  
Jan 2020-Mar 2024

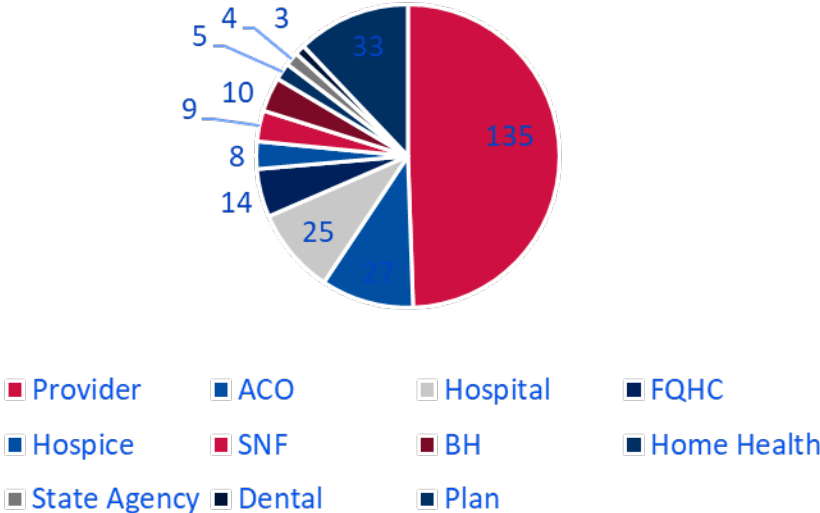




# Florida HIE ENS Q3 2024

- Total Subscriber Agreements by End of Q3 2024: **273**

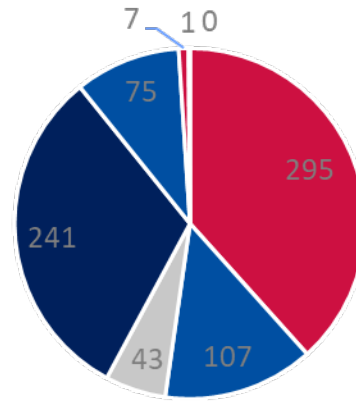
Total Subscriber Agreements  
as of 9/30/2024



# Florida HIE 2024

- Total Data Senders by End of Q3 2024: **836**

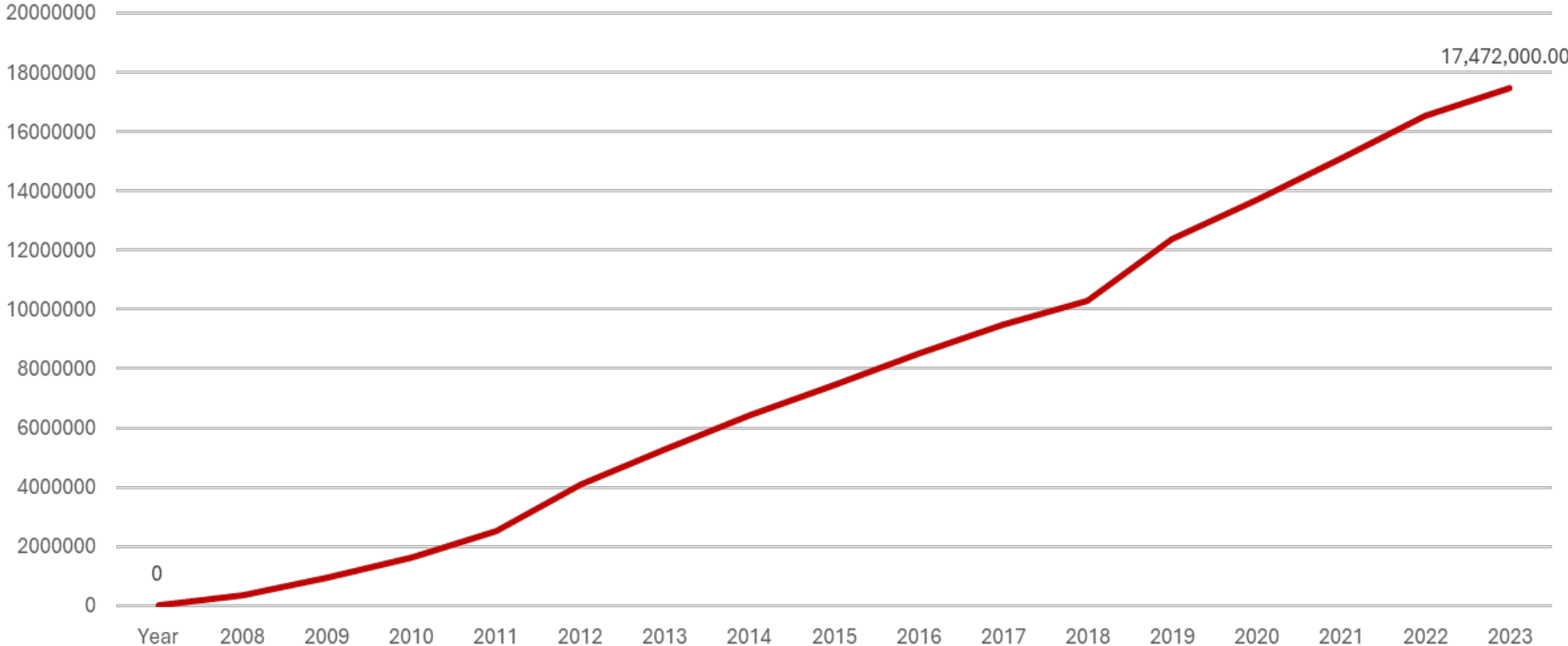
Total Data Sources  
as of 9/30/2024



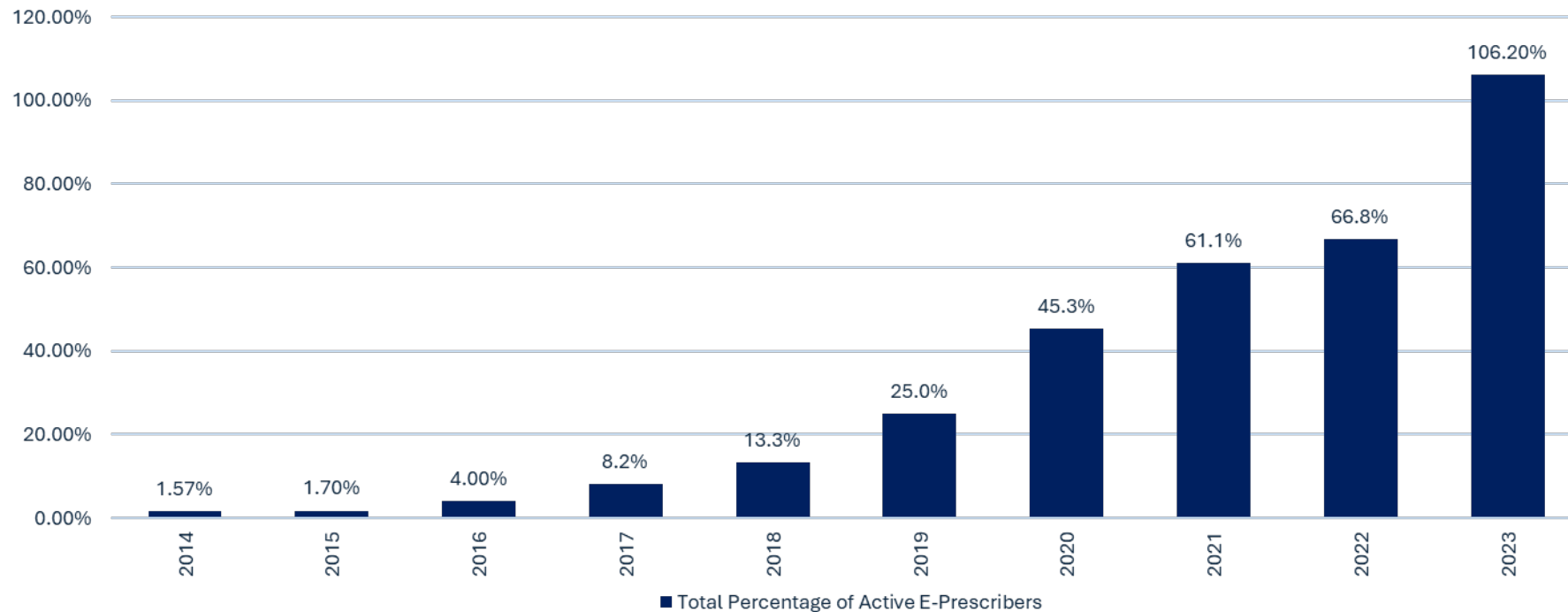
- Hospital
- Home Health
- Hospice
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Urgent Care
- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Emergency Medical Services (DOH)
- County Health Department

# ePrescribing Connectivity

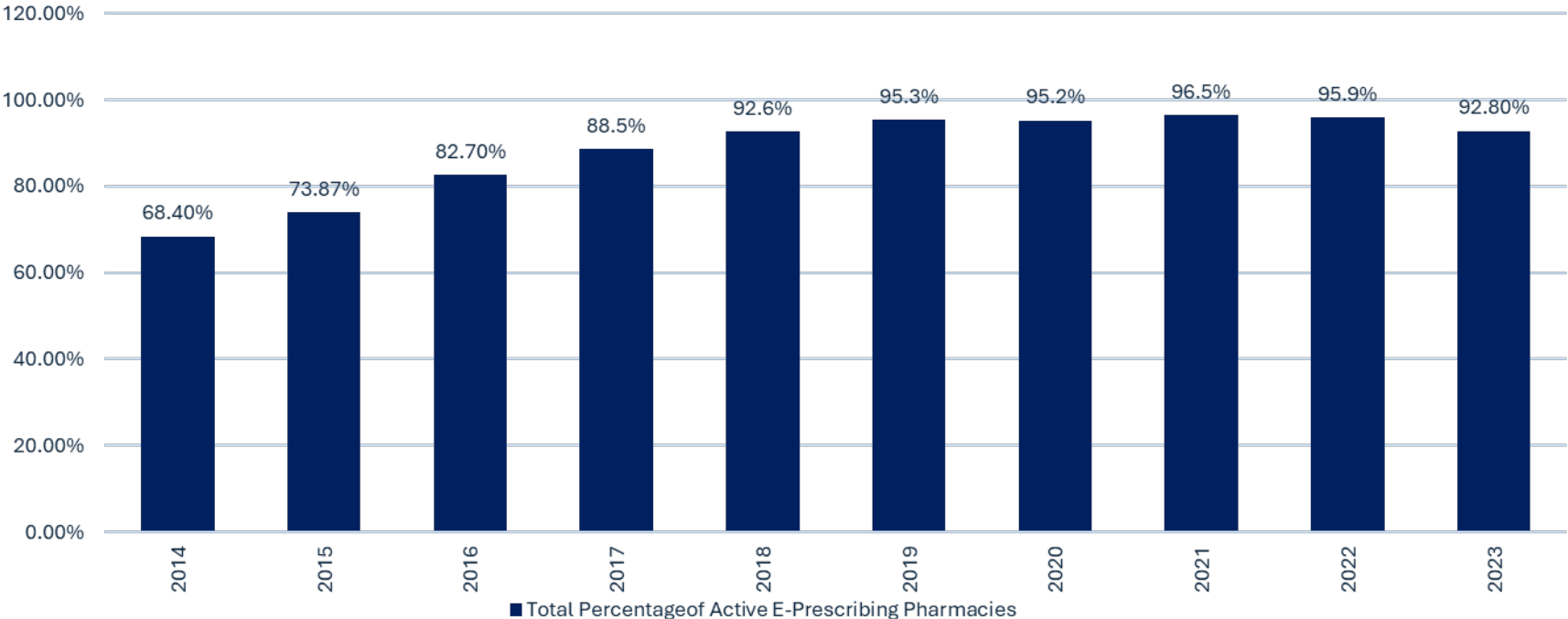
# Annual Number of Electronic Prescriptions from 2008 - 2023



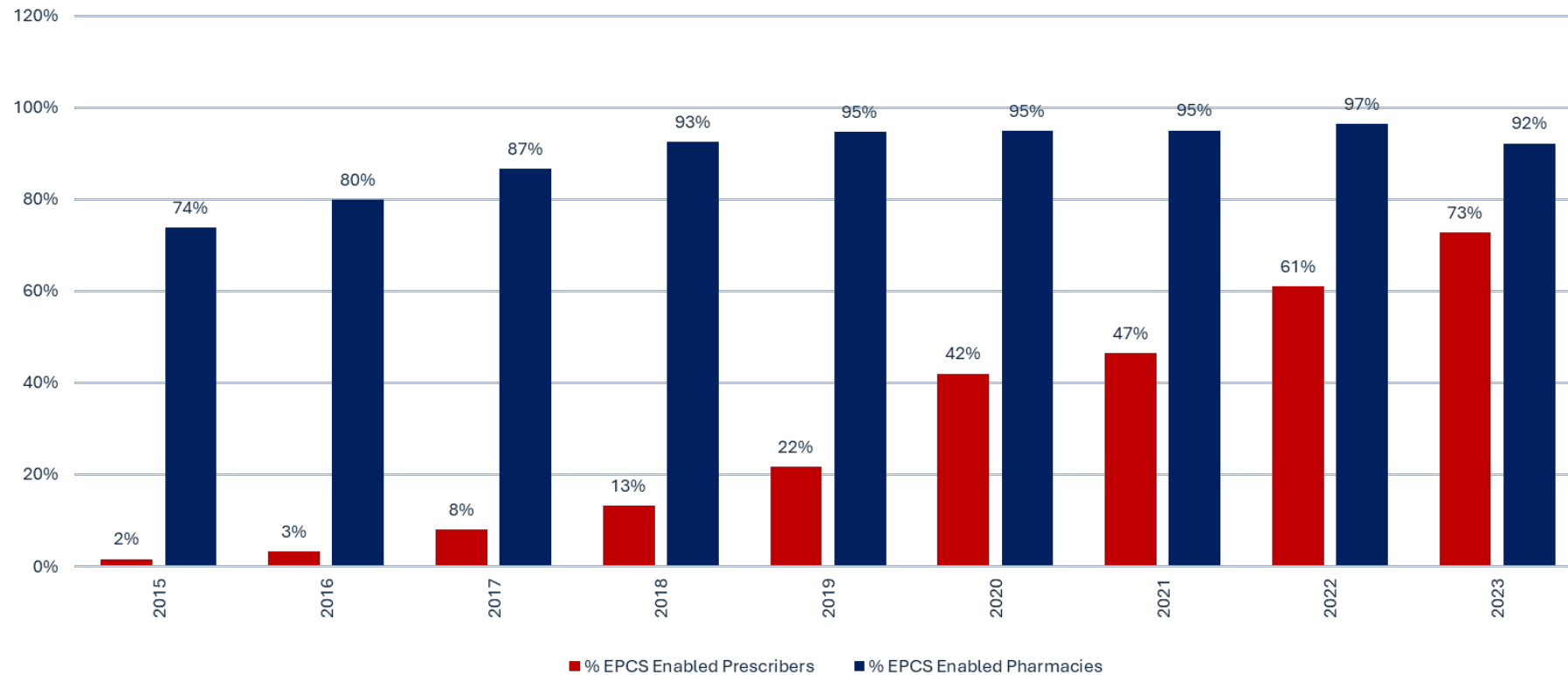
# Annual Number of ePrescribers from 2014-2023



# Annual Number of ePharmacies from 2014-2023



# Annual Comparison of Control Substance Enabled Prescribers and Pharmacies from 2015-2023



# E-PLUS Update



# Recent Activations

- Hurricane Helene
  - 83% of counties under EO had access to at least one application within E-PLUS.
- Hurricane Milton
  - 71% of counties under EO had access to at least one application within E-PLUS.

# Patient Search Metrics

Metric	Helene	Milton	Total
# of unique patients searched for	22	29	51
# of medication histories retrieved	11	8	19
% of patients from whom medications were returned	50%	27.6%	37.3%
# of documents retrieved	9	32	41
# of patients for whom documents were retrieved	5	13	18
% of patients for whom documents were retrieved	22.7%	44.8%	35.3%
AVG # of documents retrieved per person	1.8	2.46	2.28

# Missing Persons Metrics

Metric	Helene	Milton	Total
# of missing persons reported	515	849	1,364
# of missing persons found	124	291	415
% of persons found	24.1%	34.3%	30.4%
# of organizations reporting missing persons	5	6	11

# After-Action Highlights

- Short survey to all users in covered counties
- Targeted after-action calls with those accessing the system
- Highlights include:
  - Very impressive with "real time" data retrieval. Was extremely helpful.
  - E-PLUS was helpful in that it provided a more specific time that the individual was discharged (which supported patient tracking)
  - It is a valuable resource

# Election of Chair and Vice Chair

# Public Comments



# Meeting Summary

# Next Steps



# Adjournment

# THANK YOU



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