



## Health IT Wins!

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**WIN!:** Direct provides safe and secure means to send patient information to a specialist as a referral from a primary care provider.

**Who:** Primary Care Providers and Specialists

**When:** Available since August of 2012

**Where:** Across Iowa

**Why:** Primary care providers were utilizing fax, post mail or sending charts with patients upon referral to a Specialist (i.e., cardiology, urology, etc.). The process was time consuming and often unsecure. Primary care providers and specialty providers were looking for a more secure, reliable and efficient process to share patient information and communicate.

**What:** A primary care provider wishes to refer a patient to a specialist for further evaluation, diagnosis and/or treatment.

- The primary care provider selects the specialist of choice from a provider directory and accesses the addressing information of that specialist
- The primary care provider enters the address of the specialist, and composes a message to the specialist requesting an appointment for the patient.
- The primary care provider attaches documentation about the patient (demographics, reason for referral, relevant patient records, etc.) and sends to the specialist in a manner that complies with HIPAA requirements.
- If desired, the primary care provider could also provide a copy of the referral message and attachments to the patient and/or proxy (caregiver).