The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) Program is building a national network which electronically shares patient health information, allowing VA and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to be interoperable with community care providers through a Joint Health Information Exchange (Joint HIE).

**Benefits of the Joint HIE**
- Provides VA, DoD, and community providers with a comprehensive summary of patient and Veteran health information
- Eliminates unnecessary medical tests

**Documents Exchanged**
- Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) containing data like allergies, medications, problems and conditions
- Encounter Summaries containing notes relevant to specific patient encounters

**How can a Community Provider begin exchanging documents with VA/DoD?**

**STEP 1**
Become a Participant on the eHealth Exchange Hub

**STEP 2**
Complete the VA/DoD Partner Readiness Questionnaire

**STEP 3**
Complete VA/DoD testing and Production Validation

**OR**

**STEP 1**
Become a member of the CommonWell Health Alliance (CW)

**STEP 2**
Contact the email below to let us know you are a CW member interested in exchange with VA & DoD

For additional information, contact VAExchangeInformation@va.gov