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## **KONZA Achieves EHNAC Health Information Exchange Accreditation**

*Accreditation ensures adherence to health data processing standards and compliance with security infrastructure and integrity requirements*

**Topeka, KS – April 29, 2021** – The Kansas Health Information Network, Inc. dba KONZA, a national health information exchange announced today it has achieved full accreditation with the Health Information Exchange Accreditation Program (HIEAP) from the [Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission](#) (EHNAC). EHNAC's HIEAP accreditation recognizes excellence in health data processing and transactions, and ensures compliance with industry-established standards and HIPAA regulations.

Through EHNAC's comprehensive third-party review, KONZA was evaluated in areas of privacy and security, technical performance, business practices and organizational resources as it relates to health information exchange (HIE) policies and procedures. In addition, EHNAC reviewed the organization's process of managing and transferring protected health information and determined that the organization meets or exceeds all EHNAC criteria and industry standards. Through completion of the rigorous accreditation process, the organization demonstrates to its constituents, adherence to strict standards and participation in the comprehensive, objective evaluation of its business.

"It is key that our industry remains vigilant when ensuring the security of all protected health information (PHI) exchanged electronically within and between healthcare organizations," said Lee Barrett, executive director and CEO of EHNAC. "Building trust is vital to the success of any HIE, and with its EHNAC HIEAP designation, customers and business partners can have confidence and trust in KONZA's ability to manage their data with integrity and effectiveness."

"Although third party security accreditation is not currently a requirement for health information exchanges, the KONZA Leadership Team felt it was important to complete EHNAC's rigorous accreditation program, which evaluated our policies, procedures and technical infrastructure," said Dr. Laura McCrary, President & CEO for KONZA. "It is important that providers and patients participating in the KONZA health information exchange know their health data is protected at the highest level."

### **About KONZA**

KONZA operates exchanges in multiple states, including Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut. KONZA is deeply committed to connecting healthcare providers, patients, health plans, and our technology partners together to organize healthcare data into information that will drive healthcare transformation. Patients, health plans,



physicians, healthcare facilities, and other healthcare providers from across the country benefit from KONZA's delivery of unequalled actionable intelligence. For more information, visit [www.konza.org](http://www.konza.org).

#### **About EHNAC**

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC) is a voluntary, self-governing standards development organization (SDO) established to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data. These entities include accountable care organizations, data registries, electronic health networks, EPCS vendors, e-prescribing solution providers, financial services firms, health information exchanges, health information service providers, management service organizations, medical billers, outsourced service providers, payers, practice management system vendors, third-party administrators and trusted networks. The Commission is an authorized HITRUST External Assessor, making it the only organization able to provide both EHNAC accreditation as well as to conduct HITRUST CSF assessment services.

EHNAC was founded in 1993 and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Guided by peer evaluation, the EHNAC accreditation process promotes quality service, innovation, cooperation and open competition in healthcare. To learn more, visit [www.ehnac.org](http://www.ehnac.org), contact [info@ehnac.org](mailto:info@ehnac.org), or follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

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