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KASPER Partners with Owensboro Health to Integrate Systems, Share Data

Pilot Program Focused on Expedited Information Sharing, Enhanced Delivery of Care

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 14, 2018) – Kentucky’s renowned prescription drug monitoring program is collaborating with Owensboro Health to enhance the state’s capacity to share information with healthcare providers, allowing the delivery of timelier and more up-to-date reports on prescriptions dispensed to patients in the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting system (KASPER) and Owensboro Health are piloting a new program that integrates the healthcare system’s electronic record system with KASPER data. The partnership, which launched Nov. 1, dramatically expedites the time it takes to access a KASPER report, and enables simplified access to prescription reporting data.

“In the fight against opioid abuse every second matters, particularly at the point of care when providers have to make healthcare decisions quickly and accurately,” said Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Secretary Adam Meier. “The integration of KASPER and Owensboro Health’s record system puts information into the hands of providers almost immediately. This is a dramatic step forward for our program and we

look forward to the integration of other healthcare systems across Kentucky, along with the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE).”

KASPER tracks controlled substance medications dispensed in the state. Allowing practitioners simplified and timelier access to KASPER data is a key component of efforts to address substance use disorder and the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This integration allows an authorized user to submit a request for KASPER data directly from Owensboro Health’s electronic health record system, Epic, and delivers the KASPER report directly into the patient’s medical record.

“We are saving five to ten minutes on each KASPER query. The accuracy of the data is also significant because we now have real time updates rather than old printed reports,” said Dr. David Danhauer, Chief Medical Information Officer at Owensboro Health. “As we move forward with several Opioid Crisis initiatives, this helps lay down the foundation for better management of patients and their long term needs. The speed and accuracy of the data helps providers more easily manage this complex problem. Our health system can now truly improve the health of our community.”

This pilot project is co-sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The project is one of three integration pilots, along with the Illinois and Utah prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), utilizing the BJA sponsored RxCheck Hub. RxCheck provides free access to a secure data technology hub that facilitates interstate data sharing among state PDMPs, and PDMP integration with healthcare and pharmacy system partners within the states.

“I am very pleased with the success of this pilot, and the assistance of Owensboro Health as collaboration partners,” said Steve Davis, CHFS Inspector General. “Integrating KASPER into practitioner workflows makes it easier to meet their responsibility to review KASPER data, but more importantly it helps them make more timely and appropriate controlled substance treatment decisions that are in the best interest of the patient’s health and safety.”

For more information about this project or integrating with KASPER, contact Jean Hall, KASPER Integration Project Manager at jean.hall@ky.gov.

Additional information is available at <http://chfs.ky.gov/>.

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