

Rhode Island Business Group on Health



Promoting a better
Healthcare delivery system
for all Rhode Islanders

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Dear Employer:

Rhode Island employers now have a unique opportunity to positively impact the escalating costs of health care by encouraging their employees to sign up for **currentcare**.

currentcare is Rhode Island's Health Information Exchange (HIE), a service that is free to employers and helps ensure that your employees receive the best possible care. It is a **secure, encrypted** electronic network, **protected by law**, which gives authorized medical professionals access to their patients' most up-to-date health information.

Because your employees see a number of doctors, fill multiple prescriptions and get lab tests at different locations, it's hard for each provider to coordinate all aspects of their health care. **currentcare** allows doctors to see more of your employees' health information in one place, helping to reduce duplication of tests and decrease the potential for medical error.

Today, **currentcare** shares test results from medical laboratories. Over time, it will include more health information, like medications, X-rays and medical history.

currentcare is free and completely voluntary. Your employees decide if they want to participate and which of their doctors they want to have access to their secure health information through **currentcare**.

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Please take a minute to review the enclosed materials on **currentcare** and evaluate the positive effects that this new service can provide to you, your employees and their loved ones.

Thank you,

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