



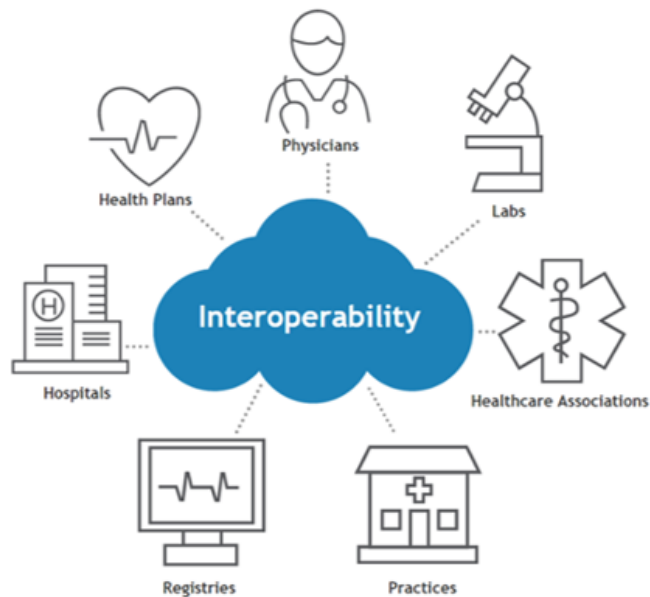
**DCHA & eHealthDC
eReferral Collaboration:
*Improving Care and Care
Coordination through eReferrals***

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Purpose



To help health care providers adopt electronic health records and promote interoperability through meaningful use and quality reporting programs.



Agenda

Topic	Speaker	Time
Welcome	Jacqueline D. Bowens <i>President and Chief Executive Officer District of Columbia Hospital Association</i>	10 minutes
Introduction	Erin Holve <i>Health Care Reform and Innovation Administration Director District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance</i>	10 minutes
eHealthDC eReferral Strategy	Donna Ramos-Johnson <i>Project Director, eHealthDC CTO, District of Columbia Primary Care Association</i>	10 minutes
Moderated Discussion	Anita Samarth <i>Interoperability SME, eHealthDC CEO, Clinovations Government + Health</i>	30 minutes
Implementing the eReferral Strategy	Donna Ramos-Johnson	10 minutes
Next Steps and Closing	Jacqueline D. Bowens	5 minutes



DCHA Overview

- DCHA has a proven track record of facilitation and the convening of groups to solve problems and move policies and ideas forward.
- DCHA has been the collective voice of the District of Columbia hospitals and health systems for 40 years. This collaboration is a great opportunity for our members to have a voice in shaping the strategy of improving care and care coordination.
- DCHA supports the adoption of electronic health records to promote interoperability and quality reporting programs.
- DCHA will communicate to our members about the eReferral Collaboration and work to garner their help to support the overall strategy.





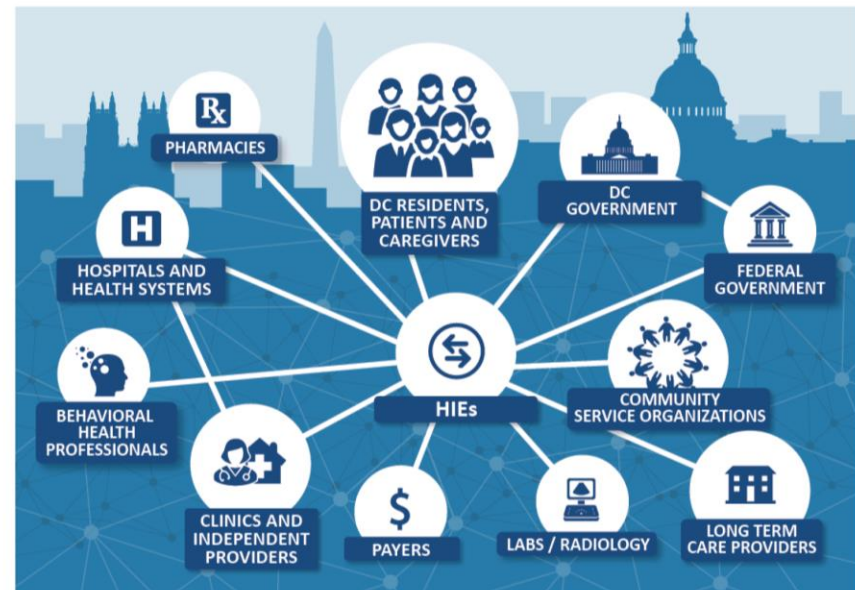
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INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRONIC REFERRALS



THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC GOAL FOR 2021

*Design and implement
an electronic network
that provides actionable
health-related information
**whenever and wherever
it is needed,**
to support person-centered
care and improve health
outcomes*





DHCF HEALTH IT ROADMAP PRIORITIZES FOUR AREAS TO IMPROVE CONNECTION AND NAVIGATION



Support Transitions of Care

- Improve Health IT and HIE Connectivity for low adopters
- Expand HIE Encounter Summary Information
- Develop Provider Directory
- Improve SSO and EHR Integration
- Improve HIE Data Quality



Collect and Use Social Determinants of Health Data

- Capture SDOH information via health IT and HIE
- Exchange, and Use SDOH Information Across Stakeholders



Analytics for Population Health

- Expand Basic Analytics and Reporting
- Implement Advanced Analytics Tools



HIE for Public Health

- Improve Connectivity to Public Health Registries
- Enhance Public Health Electronic Case Reporting & Surveillance



THE eReferral STRATEGY SUPPORTS HEALTH IT AND HIE GOALS

Increase provider adoption of EHRs and HIE to expand virtual networks of providers in the District who are capable of delivering high-quality care and leveraging technology

Electronically identify providers and provider networks serving District residents

Increase the number of virtual care teams that are electronically connected to support integrated, high-quality care

Ensure high-quality electronic documentation of health-related data

Improve the value and efficiency of team-based care by integrating information across care settings (clinical, behavioral, community, public health, and payers)

Improve care coordination and transitions of care by improving access to information collected across settings of care



eReferral Strategy



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ELECTRONIC REFERRAL STRATEGY

- eHealthDC provides District of Columbia health care professionals with an important source for how to use EHRs and health IT to better serve patients
- eHealthDC is a District of Columbia Primary Care Association program, funded by DHCF, to provide FREE technical assistance to the District's Medicaid eligible professionals

**The “one-stop-shop” for Meaningful Use
and HIE resources in the District**

eREFERRAL STRATEGY: TODAY VS. TOMORROW



TODAY: Paper/Fax

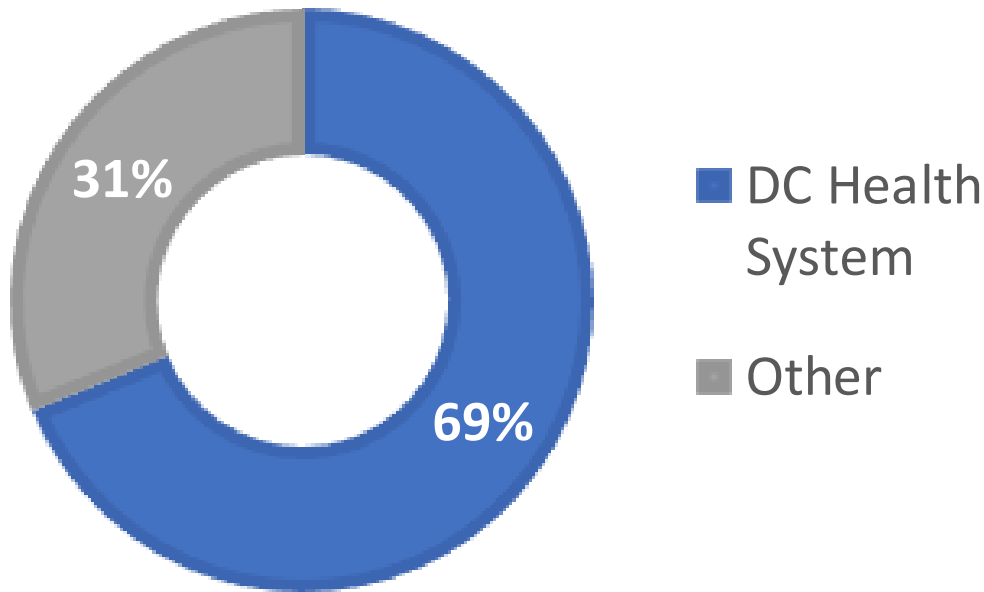
- Referrals sent by primary care to specialists via fax
- Receiving providers (e.g., specialists, hospitals) do not have any history of the patient's status or care
- After a consultation or hospital stay, primary care providers do not receive a summary of care provided



TOMORROW: eReferrals

- Sending providers transmit referrals **electronically** from EHRs
- Receiving providers receive an **electronic** summary of care record with the eReferral
 - Includes current problems, medications, allergies, procedures, labs
- After a consultation or hospital stay, specialists/hospitals send primary care providers an **electronic** summary of care
 - Includes NEW/UPDATED problems, medications, allergies, procedures, labs
- Primary care providers **electronically** incorporate and **reconcile** key clinical information

- 166,124 total referrals from CHCs
- 114,390 referrals made to DC health systems



- Community Health Centers
 - Bread for the City
 - Community of Hope
 - La Clinica del Pueblo
 - Mary's Center
 - Whitman Walker Health
 - Family Medical and Counseling Services
 - Spanish Catholic
 - Unity Healthcare
- DC Health Systems
 - Children's National
 - George Washington / MFA
 - Howard / FPP
 - HSC
 - MedStar Health
 - Johns Hopkins – Sibley
 - United Medical Center

CURRENT eREFERRAL ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT



**The eReferral Strategy
is enabled by
DIRECT Secure
Messaging**

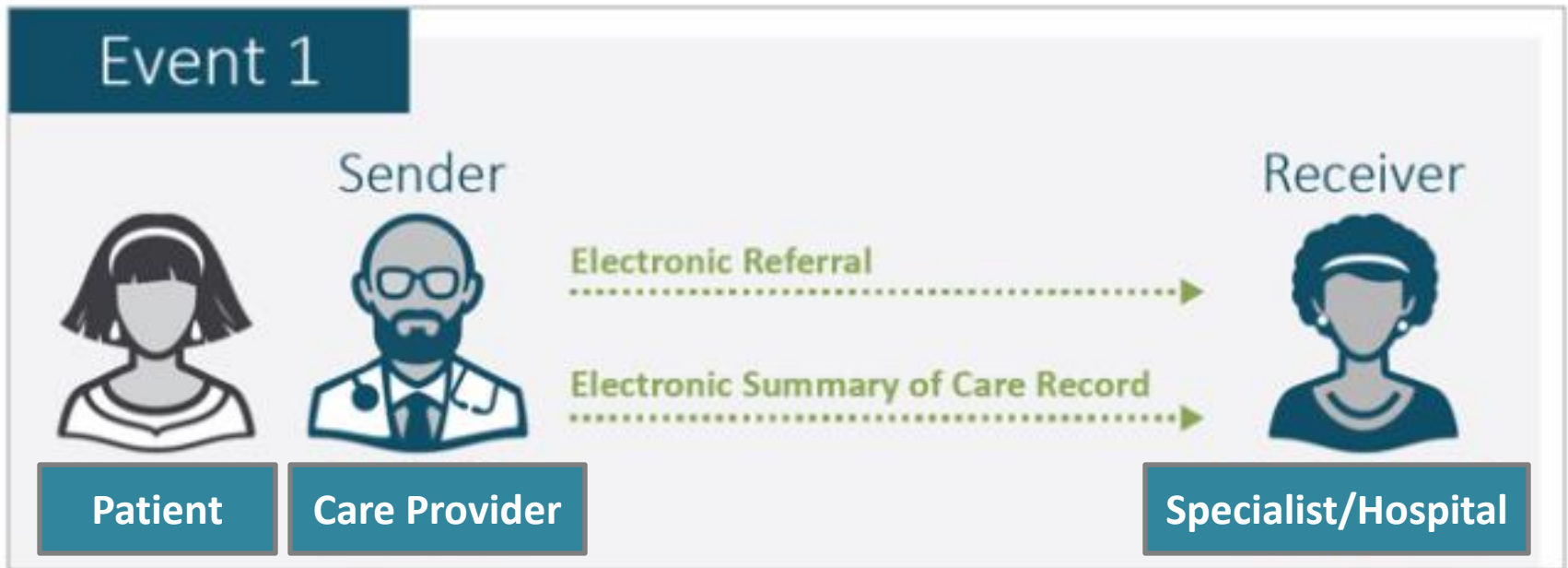
**DIRECT is a secure email
mechanism, already available
within certified EHRs**

- Independent Practices have implemented DIRECT to meet Meaningful Use objectives
- Health Systems are already using or implementing DIRECT: Children's National and MedStar Health
- All Community Health Centers (CHCs) have implemented DIRECT and are partnering with referral organizations to send eReferrals
- DHCF is actively working on a technology solution to support eReferrals as core HIE capabilities within the District

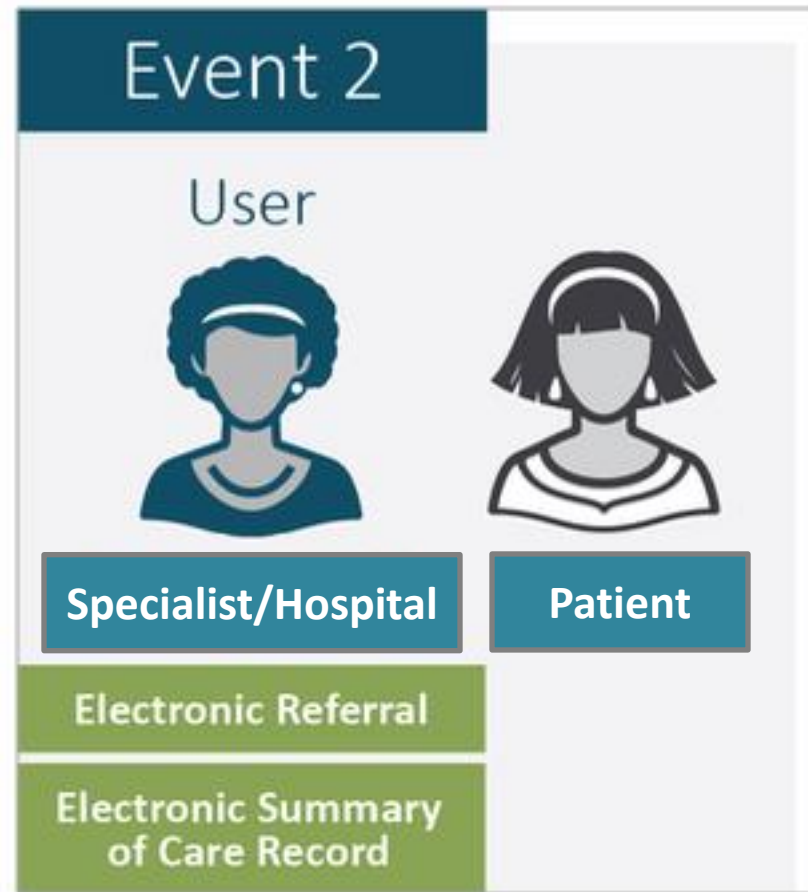


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ELECTRONIC REFERRAL STRATEGY: MODERATED DISCUSSION



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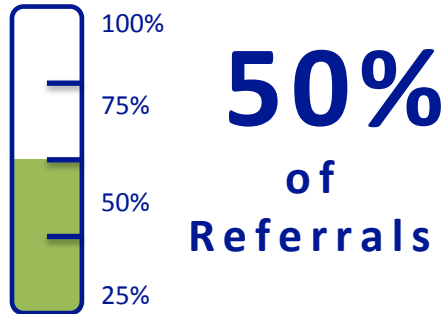


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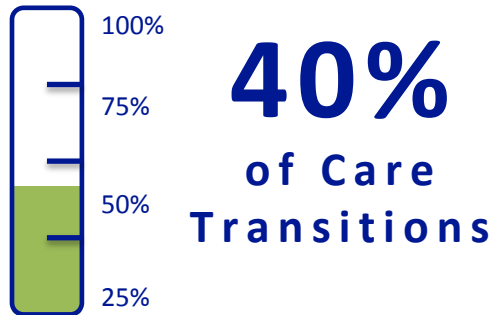


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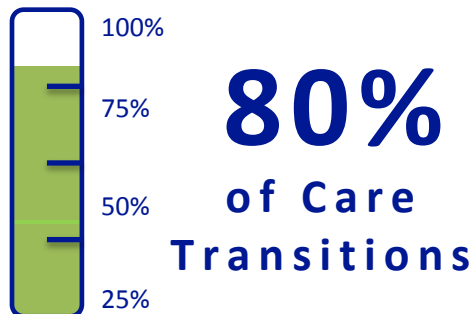
ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL USE AND PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY



- Referrals to other providers or care settings (hospitals) performed electronically
- Includes a standards-based summary care record



- Transitions of care, referrals received, new patient (never seen before)
- Incorporates standards-based summary of care document received within the EHR



- Transitions of care, referrals received, new patient (never seen before)
- Performs clinical information reconciliation within the EHR of medications, allergies, and diagnoses

- eHealthDC is serving **115** Eligible Professionals across **29** organizations
- This represents **\$977,500** in potential Promoting Interoperability / Meaningful Use annual incentive payments to participating providers

Achieving these incentives requires **District hospitals and health system-owned** ambulatory practices to implement within their (existing) EHRs the capability to:

- ✓ ***Receive eReferrals and summary of care records*** via DIRECT
- ✓ ***Send electronic summary of care records*** to referring providers post consultation or hospital/ED discharge via DIRECT



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IMPLEMENTING THE ELECTRONIC REFERRAL STRATEGY

A CALL TO ACTION

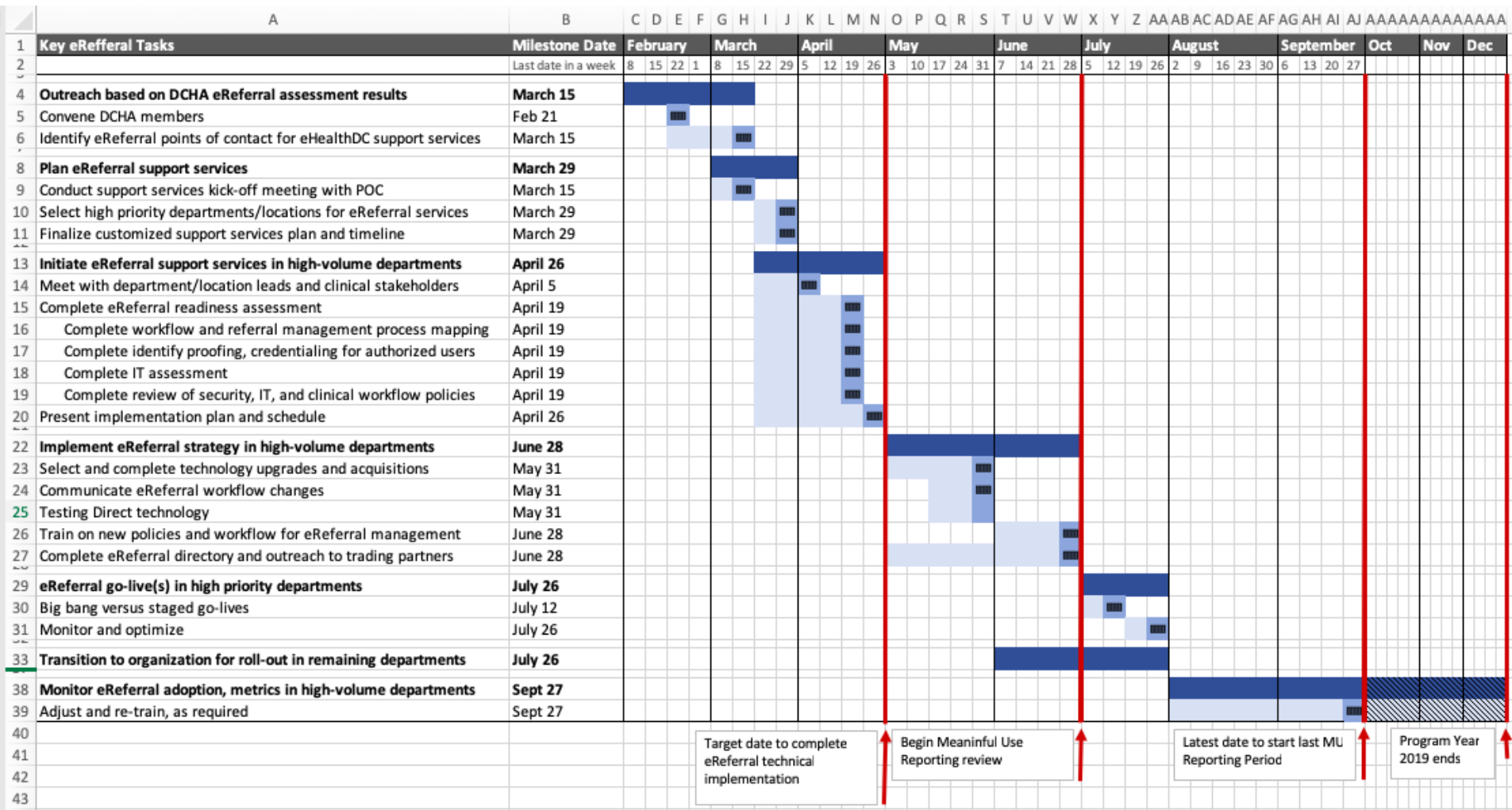


GOAL: Commit to using eReferrals to facilitate care coordination for District residents

ACTION: Collaborate with eHealthDC to assess provider readiness and target eReferral TA services at high-volume, high-priority departments and/or locations

- **By March 15, 2019**
 - Conduct initial kick-off meetings with each organization to plan customized support services that align with organizational mission and objectives
- **By March 29, 2019**
 - Complete customized support services plan and timeline for high-volume departments
- **April 2019**
 - Coordinate with eHealthDC to assess eReferral readiness and complete implementation plan
- **May 2019**
 - Execute workflow redesign, training, DIRECT and other IT technology upgrades and related policy requirements
- **July 2019**
 - Go-live with DIRECT in high-volume departments (big-bang or phased) and monitor workflow and eReferral trends

eREFERRAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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Thank You & Closing
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