

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 14-2019**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING BIG SKY CARE CONNECT AS MONTANA'S
STATE-DESIGNATED HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ENTITY**

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is committed to a health care system that supports innovation to drive an evolution of primary care, from being reactive, focused on individual encounters, and fragmented, to integrated care delivered by coordinated teams of clinicians empowered and accountable for the health and cost of populations over time;

WHEREAS, Medicaid in Montana is a catalyst for reform, leading the way in public-private partnerships among health care providers, private health insurance providers, and other organizations who share the responsibility for the health of Montana's population;

WHEREAS, the electronic exchange of health information is integral to any health care transformation, both because of its potential to improve costs, efficiency, and quality and as a tool for monitoring system performance;

WHEREAS, a Health Information Exchange (HIE) is a sophisticated network of care-coordination partnerships, combined with the application of technology that aims to transform the way health care is delivered, the services provided, the way providers are paid, and the level of performance achieved in our state;

WHEREAS, health care leaders, providers and organizations who share the responsibility for advancing health outcomes made HIE one of the top three priorities of the Governor's Council on Health Care Innovation and have worked together since 2015 to forge a network of partnerships within the health community in Montana to reduce costs, improve care, and improve transparency and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, a state-designated health information exchange entity is essential to implement a higher-performing Montana health system to promote fiscal responsibility and ensure measurably better outcomes and value for Montanans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, do hereby designate Big Sky Care Connect as Montana's single, state-designated health information exchange entity.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 4 day of
September 2019.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State *deputy*