



## **Vermont and Maine Enter into Strategic Partnership to Expand HIE Capabilities**

*Health information interoperability companies partner to improve regional efficiency and quality of care*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – New Gloucester, ME – July 7, 2020.** HealthInfoNet, the state of Maine’s designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), today announced a new partnership with Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) under its new subsidiary company, Cureous Innovations Inc.™ Cureous Innovations is collaborating with VITL to operate person-centered health information technology solutions for Vermont’s statewide HIE (VHIE). This partnership marks a significant commitment to enhancing health information technology services that will set the New England region on a path toward building an interoperable ecosystem designed to improve the health, wellness, and care experiences of its communities.

VITL is the legislatively designated operator of the VHIE, a secure, statewide data network that gives healthcare providers in Vermont the ability to electronically exchange and access patient data in support of Vermont’s healthcare reform efforts. VITL translates and transmits important clinical information for use by critical statewide initiatives, enables providers to share and access patient health data, and assists Vermont healthcare providers with adopting and using health information technology to improve quality of care while enhancing patient safety and reducing costs.

Building on HealthInfoNet’s experience in HIE services, Cureous Innovations develops and deploys sophisticated applications of data and technology to improve patient care. Cureous Innovations’ solutions are being integrated within VITL’s long-successful VHIE infrastructure to support their continuing efforts to advance healthcare transformation activities in Vermont through an expanded and enhanced use of health information technology.

“It is my pleasure to announce our partnership with VITL. This growth for Cureous Innovations will allow our health information technology solutions to reach a broader audience of stakeholders with the goal of sharing best-of-breed solutions across the country,” said Shaun Alfreds, HealthInfoNet CEO and Cureous Innovations President and CEO. “Vermont has a similar landscape to Maine with rural health needs and data exchange hurdles, making VITL an important partner for Cureous Innovations. I look forward to growing together and learning from our partnership to better the lives of Maine and Vermont citizens alike.”

In its role as VITL’s technology partner, Cureous Innovations is responsible for deploying and hosting an advanced, secure, and configurable high-performance integration engine, Cureous Innovations’ proprietary terminology translation services, TermAtlas®, as well as a dynamic help desk and ticketing service among other development, network, and general infrastructure services.

“We are excited about this new initiative with Cureous Innovations,” says Beth Anderson, VITL President and CEO. “We believe this is an important opportunity to benefit from new infrastructure efficiencies and to collaborate with and learn from the teams at Cureous Innovations and HealthInfoNet. We look forward to developing this partnership over the long-term.”

### **About HealthInfoNet**

HealthInfoNet is an independent nonprofit information services organization that manages the statewide health information exchange (HIE) in Maine. The statewide HIE is designed to link an individual’s clinical information from unaffiliated healthcare sites to create a single electronic health

record, allowing authorized providers across the state to better support and coordinate patient care. For more information, visit HealthInfoNet's website: [www.hinfonyet.org](http://www.hinfonyet.org)

**About Cureous Innovations Inc.™**

Cureous Innovations Inc.™ is a health information services company founded on the mission to operate and advance interoperability. Recognizing that there is never a one-size-fits-all solution, the company's collaborative, partner-centric approach leverages proven, industry-leading software and services to help initiatives realize healthcare transformation visions. Cureous Innovations builds interoperable ecosystems that improve patients' health, wellness, and care experiences. For more information, visit Cureous Innovations' website: [www.cureousinnovations.com](http://www.cureousinnovations.com)

**About Vermont Information Technology Leaders**

Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL) is a nonprofit organization working to advance health care reform efforts in Vermont through the use of health information technology. VITL is legislatively designated to operate the Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE), a secure, statewide data network, which provides health care providers in Vermont the ability to electronically exchange and access medical records. VITL collects and manages patient data from sources across the State, including hospitals, primary and specialty care providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, home health, long-term care, designated agencies, and commercial labs. For more information, visit VITL's website: [www.vitl.net](http://www.vitl.net)

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