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**NCHICA Announces RFP for NHIN Gateway**

Research Triangle Park, NC – The North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance, Inc. (NCHICA) today announced a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) Gateway. The project is being funded through NCHICA's contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

The gateway will connect the Western North Carolina (WNC) Health Network's Data Link to the NHIN. The WNC Health Network is a mature health information exchange organization (HIO) that links 16 hospitals in the region. The purpose of the gateway project is to demonstrate how an established HIO can become a node on the NHIN. Implementation is planned for Spring 2010.

Proposals are due at 4:00 pm EST on March 22, 2010. To view the RFP and supporting materials, visit [http://www.nchica.org/HIT\\_HIE/NHIN.htm](http://www.nchica.org/HIT_HIE/NHIN.htm).

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