



# Observations about Health Information Exchanges

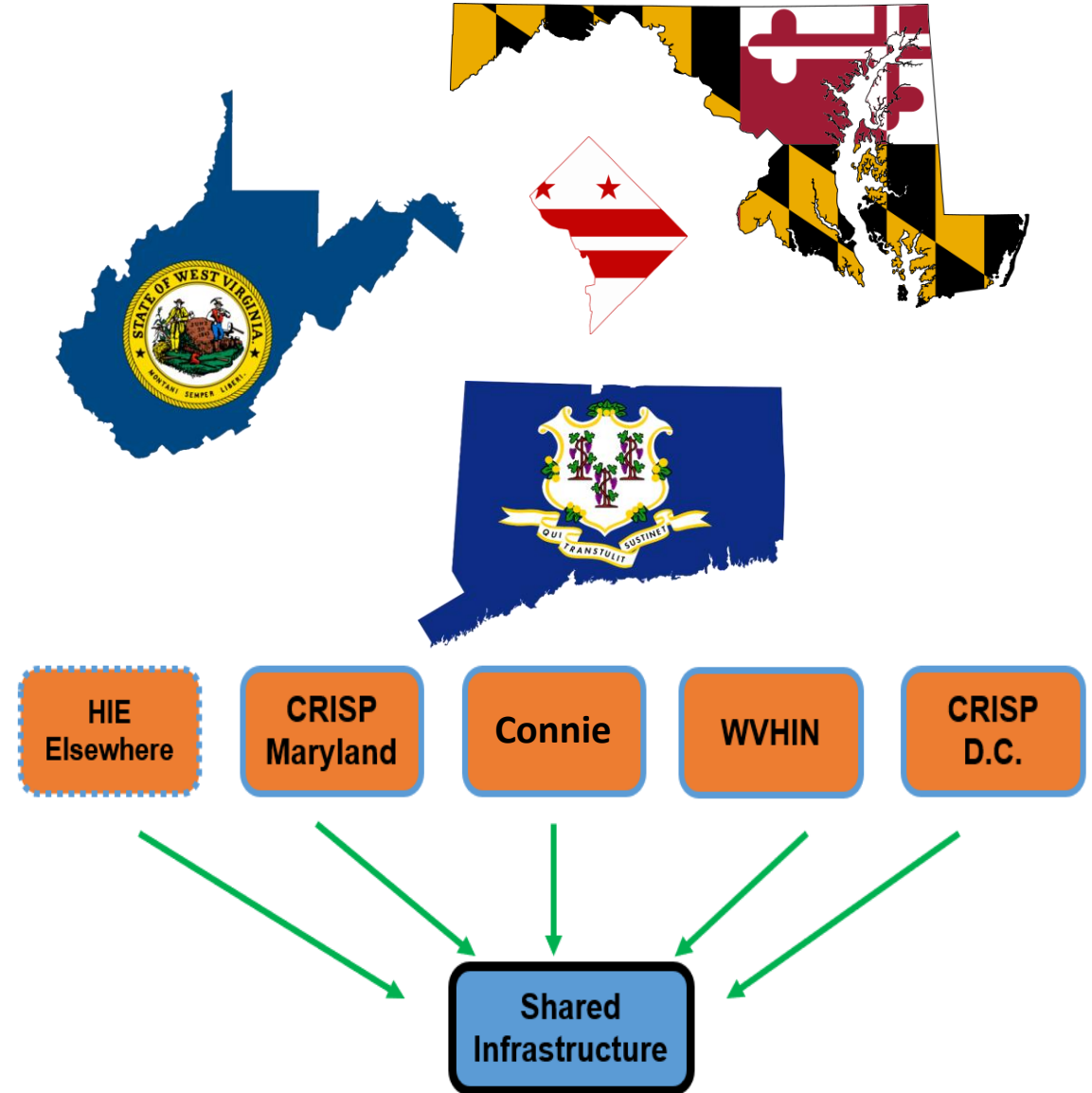
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# About CRISP

- **A Health Information Exchange (HIE)** serving Maryland, and West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Connecticut via affiliation.
- **Vision:** To advance health and wellness by deploying health information technology solutions adopted through cooperation and collaboration





# General HIE Observations

- National networks are important for basic data transport
- States with a strong HIE are doing much more than moving data
- For-profit vendors are bringing private capital and innovation to the interoperability space, but they are not serving as health data utilities
- If support for public health uses wasn't top of mind before, it is now



# Attributes of Successful State HIEs

- They are statewide
- They are private non-profits with strong and diverse stakeholder involvement in governance
- They are partnered with public health departments
- They leverage Medicaid funding with generous federal match
- They receive some data by mandate, making data complete
- They are designated and thoughtfully regulated as a health data utility



# Pitfalls to Avoid

- A successful HIE does much, much more than transport records
  - Providers can already move data files with the national networks
- A network of networks path usually leads to data fragmentation
  - New York state makes that work with a strong coordinating organization
- If doctors and care managers cannot subscribe to receive patient hospitalization notifications from every hospital, you're falling short
  - Is every hospital participating or do competing platforms interoperate?