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### **WCHS Makes Medical Records Digital**

*Winnebago, NE* – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is embarking on a Health Information Management (HIM) digitization project. This initiative involves the scanning and digitizing of medical records to enhance patient care and accessibility.

At WCHS, our HIM department plays a pivotal role in collecting, analyzing, storing, and protecting patient health information. Accurate, secure, and accessible medical records are essential to nearly every department at WCHS from primary care to business office, and from purchase referred care to dental clinic. By enabling this information to transition to a digital platform, WCHS aims to expedite access and retrieval of patient records throughout the organization with the ultimate goal of fostering efficient and seamless care delivery for our patients.

Tara Divis, HIM Manager at WCHS commented, "This project of digitizing medical records to make them key word searchable has been a long time want for our team. We are excited to see it streamline operational processes by ensuring our providers have swift access to critical patient information."

The digitization process will mean the secure and transition of current physical records into a digital format, enabling faster access to patient information for all WCHS healthcare services while allowing the appropriate security controls and limitation functionality to ensure access is relevant and keep patient information safe. This transition will enhance data security, control access to patient histories, and unlock physical space previously occupied by paper records for other initiatives within the health system.

Beth Wewel, CFO at WCHS, highlighted the significance of this initiative, stating, "The HIM digitization project exemplifies WCHS's unwavering commitment to meeting the evolving healthcare needs and expectations of our patients. Embracing digital transformation is a demonstration of our dedication to using innovation to enhance the quality and efficiency of patient care in alignment with the healthcare standards of today."

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*The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care*



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*hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit [www.wchs.health](http://www.wchs.health) to learn more.*

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