

This brief module introduces SYNCRONYS to new users and assists new users with their initial log in to the HIE clinical portal. If your organization has configured single-sign-on from your electronic medical record system, you can skip this module.

## WHAT IS SYNCRONYS?



- The nonprofit, statewide, health information exchange (HIE) for New Mexico.
- SYNCRONYS enables the electronic exchange of patient health information among different and unrelated healthcare organizations to provide timely access to a patient's information in one centralized record.
- Its objective is to exchange essential patient information between New Mexico's hospitals, tribal/IHS hospitals/clinics, skilled nursing facilities, long term care, home health and hospice, independent clinics, and behavioral health clinicians.

SYNCRONYS is New Mexico's Health Information Exchange. An HIE enables the electronic exchange of patient health information among different and unrelated healthcare organizations to provide timely access to a patient's information in one centralized record. We strive to help New Mexico meet the US Core Dataset for Interoperability goals, and we are working with many types of healthcare providers and payers to obtain that data.



With funding from the New Mexico Human Services Department and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, SYNCRONYS has come together with these vendors and partners to enhance New Mexico's HIE. Together, we offer New Mexico many tools to help improve patient care in our state.



Together partners in SYNCRONYS bring a wide variety of solutions for healthcare, from providing information at the point of care to sending notifications of events that require patient follow up, to data analytics and population health tools. Visit our website for details on these and more of our solutions.



You are in this training session because you have been authorized by your company to access the SYNCRONYS clinical portal. This lesson is intended for all portal users. You will need a username and temporary password, so if you have not received one, please speak with your supervisor.

## USER ID / USERNAME

- •You can only log into the SYNCRONYS HIE if you have been given an authorized user account.
- Your organization's Privacy Officer will determine the appropriate access level for your job.
- Your username has a 3 or 4-character prefix that identifies your organization, e.g., "ABC-Jjones"
- If you don't have a user ID and temporary password, ask your supervisor to request one, just as they would for access to your other secure systems.

You can only log into the SYNCRONYS HIE if you have been given an authorized user account.

SYNCE

Your organization's Privacy Officer will determine the appropriate access level for your job.

Your username has a 3 or 4-character prefix that identifies your organization, e.g., "ABC-Jjones"

If you don't have a user ID and temporary password, ask your supervisor to request one, just as they would for access to your other secure systems.



The SYNCRONYS clinical portal is cloud based, so unless your organization has configured entry from your electronic medical record system you can access the portal from virtually anywhere using your favorite browser and this URL to find the login screen. You'll notice that there is a forgotten password link on this screen, and any major maintenance announcements will be displayed here. Locate the login screen and create a shortcut to make it easy to find the next time you log in.



The password you choose today is good for the next 90 days, unless you decide to change it sooner. Multi-factor authentication is coming soon to make the SYNCRONYS HIE even more secure, but for now your username and a strong password that you change every 3 months are what is required.

Your temporary password will expire immediately when you use it the first time. You will be asked to enter it again as your "Old Password" when you select a new one. If you have been given a complex temporary password, type it in carefully, rather than using a copy and paste operation that can include an extra blank character at the end.

Use at least 10 characters, and include upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and special characters for a strong password.

To ensure your account is secure, do not re-use old passwords, or use the same password you have for other systems. Refrain from using words, years, or passwords that others might easily guess.



Each time you log in, you will see this disclaimer. The disclaimer reminds all users to take seriously the responsibility of keeping patient information private. Unless you have a HIPAA compliant reason to view the patient's record, that is, Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations, you should not use this tool to view that patient's information. Privacy Officers have the ability to audit the use of the HIE by their employees.



Depending on the access role you have been assigned, your home screen will look different from that seen by another type of user. If your roles involves looking up even basic patient information, you will have patient search tools. If you are an end user administrator, usually help desk staff member, you will be able to search for users instead of patients.

However, all home screens have some things in common. You have a house-shaped icon to take you to your home screen. You have access to portal messaging, and therefore have a portal mail indicator, shaped like a bell. All users will see their name with a drop-down menu to User Settings, or preferences screen, and contextsensitive help resources. And of course, everyone has a Logout button. Logout should always be used instead of closing your browser.

|  | Provider Homepage<br>Worklist to show<br>on My<br>Homepage   |                        |  |
|--|--|------------------------|--|
|  | Tenant_NMHIC<br>Mobile Phone<br>Number<br>Secret Words<br>User Attributes<br>Job Title   | Office Phone<br>Number |  |
| <ul> <li>please visit your User Set</li> <li>Users who can search for<br/>display on their home scre</li> <li>Fill in or verify your phone</li> <li>Enter a "Secret Word" that<br/>event you need to call the</li> </ul> | tings (My Details) screen:<br>patients may choose a worklist<br>een.<br>e numbers and job title.<br>at will help verify your identity in<br>e SYNCRONYS help desk. | to<br>n the            |  |

Once you have logged in, chosen a strong password, set up a security challenge question, there are a couple more steps to finish setting up your account. Please go to the User Settings, or preferences, screen and scroll down to the Tenant\_NMHIC section. Make sure that there are two valid phone numbers. These would be used to verify your identity if you need to contact the SYNCRONYS help desk.

Also, please type in a "secret word" that would confirm your identity if there were any question about who was asking for assistance with your account.



There are some other configurable items on the preferences screen that you can set if you like. You can choose a different home screen if you don't like the default home screen. Sometimes clinical users like to temporarily change to Patient Search until they have built up a list of recent patients, and then change back, because the default home screen is helpful.

If you frequently search for patients by medical record number, you can select the preferred patient organization to save time when searching by that health system's medical record number. This is especially useful if your organization is sharing patient information with the HIE, because your own medical record numbers would be searchable.



Before we move on, I want to point out some of the resources we share on our public facing website, syncronys.org

Under Onboarding, Training Needs, you will find a library of videos and handouts in manageable sized lessons.



Use the filters above the modules to hide the lessons that do not pertain to your role. The length of time it takes to view the video appears in the description.



We realize that not everyone can join us for our monthly customer webinars, but you can still listen to them at your convenience by visiting the News & Events section and looking at our webinar recordings for topics that may interest you. Upcoming live events will be posted here as well.

| WWW.SYNCRON  | /S.ORG  |   |   | Ć;  |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Who is participating?  | SYNCRON   | S SOLUTI  | ONS ONBOARDING RE   | SOURCES COMPANY   | ,<br>News & Events contact us   |
| SOLUTIONS ONBOARDING RESOURCES COMPANY N<br>FOR PROVIDERS &<br>HEALTHCARE FACILITIES<br>FOR PAYORS<br>KNOWLEDGE CENTER<br>DEFINITION CENTERS &<br>CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES<br>WHO'S PARTICIPATING<br>SYNCRONYS is a not for profit organization establis<br>aimed to improve New Mexicos healthcare for all New | Active Life Ortholics and<br>Prosthetics - ABQ<br>Attas Vista Regional - Las<br>Vegas<br>Artas Skilled<br>Homecare - ABQ & RR<br>Ben Archer Health Care<br>Center<br>Cibiala General Hespital -<br>Grants<br>Distinctly Dermatelegy<br>falsa NM Saecialty Med | Compassus Home Health<br>Eastern New Mexico<br>Medical Conter (CHS) | Adier Medical LLC<br>Amazon Public Health<br>ARUP Laboratories<br>Carisbad Medical Center<br>(Community Health<br>Services) - Carisbad<br>Campassus Heapice<br>Alluquerque South<br>Fi Centra Family Health | Albuquerque Fire Rescue<br>/ H.E.A.R.T. Pregram<br>Anthem. Inc./Amerigroup<br>(Medicare Advantago)<br>Assured Imaging – ABQ &<br>Las Cruces<br>Center for Disease<br>Detection (CDD)<br>Curative Health<br>El Pueblo Health | Albequerque Healthcare<br>for the Hemeless<br>Arada Physical Therapy<br>– ABQ and Rie Rancho<br>BOBS NM (Centennial<br>Care MCO)<br>Christus St. Vincent<br>Regional MC – Santa Fe<br>De Baca Family Practice<br>Clinic |

Organizations across our state are participating with SYNCRONYS in various ways. They may be sharing data, accessing data, using direct secure messaging offered by SYNCRONYS, or any combination of several activities. You can see who is participating in SYNCRONYS and how by visiting our website and clicking on Who's Participating under the Resources banner.



If you have an internal help desk for your organization,

please contact them for assistance with your account, following your service request process.

If SYNCRONYS provides your support services for the health information exchange, you can reach us daily between 8 am and 8 pm at the number and e-mail address shown here.

## TO REPORT PORTAL OR DATA PROBLEMS

- E-Mail or call us with a brief description of the problem.
- Do not include patient identifiable information in unencrypted e-mail.
- Direct Secure Messaging is the preferred method for sending protected health information to the help desk.
- Portal Messaging may also be an option for sharing examples, once you have connected with someone on our staff.

Email: help@SYNCRONYS.org or Call: (505) 938-9999

Direct Messaging: <u>Syncronys.HelpDesk@direct.hco.syncronys.net</u>

If you see an issue with the clinical portal, e.g., errors or display issues, please do not hesitate to let us know. You can e-mail the help desk stating that you want to report a problem or call to provide more specific patient identifiers over the phone. Do not send screenshots or messages that includes patient-identifiers unless you can do so securely, with encrypted e-mail or Direct messaging. Once you have connected with our personnel, they may have you share information securely through portal messaging.