**DEFINITIONS**

**COMMUNITY HIOs**: HIOs that organize and govern HIE for a specific set of unaffiliated health care delivery organization participants, often within a geographic medical service area, to enable interoperability and secure electronic sharing of patient health information.

**OPERATIONAL**: These HIOs are transmitting data between participating health care delivery organizations.

**EMERGING**: Not yet transmitting data. HIOs may be getting organized, defining shared visions, goals, and objectives, identifying funding sources and technology vendors, and setting up legal and governance structures.

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