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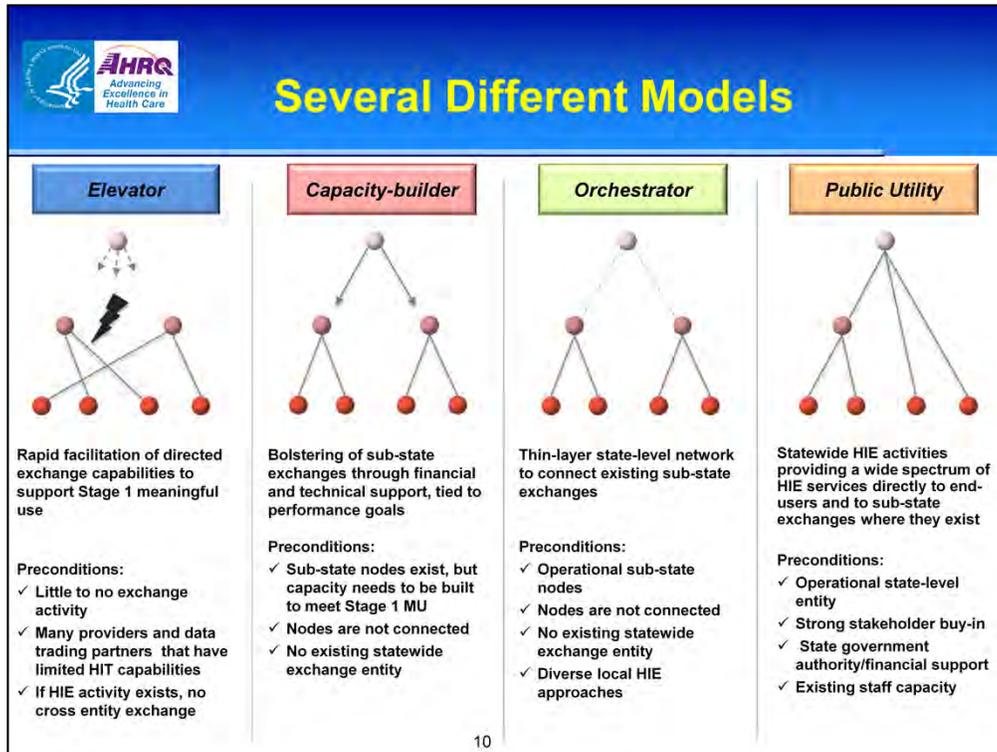
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Several Different Models

Elevator

Rapid facilitation of directed exchange capabilities to support Stage 1 meaningful use

Preconditions:

- Little to no exchange activity
- Many providers and data trading partners that have limited HIT capabilities
- If HIE activity exists, no cross entity exchange

Capacity-builder

Bolstering of sub-state exchanges through financial and technical support, tied to performance goals

Preconditions:

- Sub-state nodes exist, but capacity needs to be built to meet Stage 1 MU
- Nodes are not connected
- No existing statewide exchange entity

Orchestrator

Thin-layer state-level network to connect existing sub-state exchanges

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- Diverse local HIE approaches

Public Utility

Statewide HIE activities providing a wide spectrum of HIE services directly to end-users and to sub-state exchanges where they exist

Preconditions:

- Operational state-level entity
- Strong stakeholder buy-in
- State government authority/financial support
- Existing staff capacity



Strategies

Challenges	Strategies to Address
White Space	Directed Exchange - Jumpstart low-cost directed exchange services to support meaningful use requirements
Duplication	Shared Services - Offer open, shared services like provider directories and identity services that can be reused
Information Silos	Connect the nodes - Infrastructure, standards, policies and services to connect existing exchange networks
Disparities	REC for HIE - Grants and technical support for CAHs, independent labs, rural pharmacies to participate in exchange
Emerging Networks	Support local networks – Connectivity grants and trust/standards requirements for emerging exchange entities
Public Health Capacity	Serve reporting needs of state - Support public health and quality reporting to state agencies
No Shared Trust/Interop Requirements	Accreditation and validation of exchange entities against consensus technical and policy requirements

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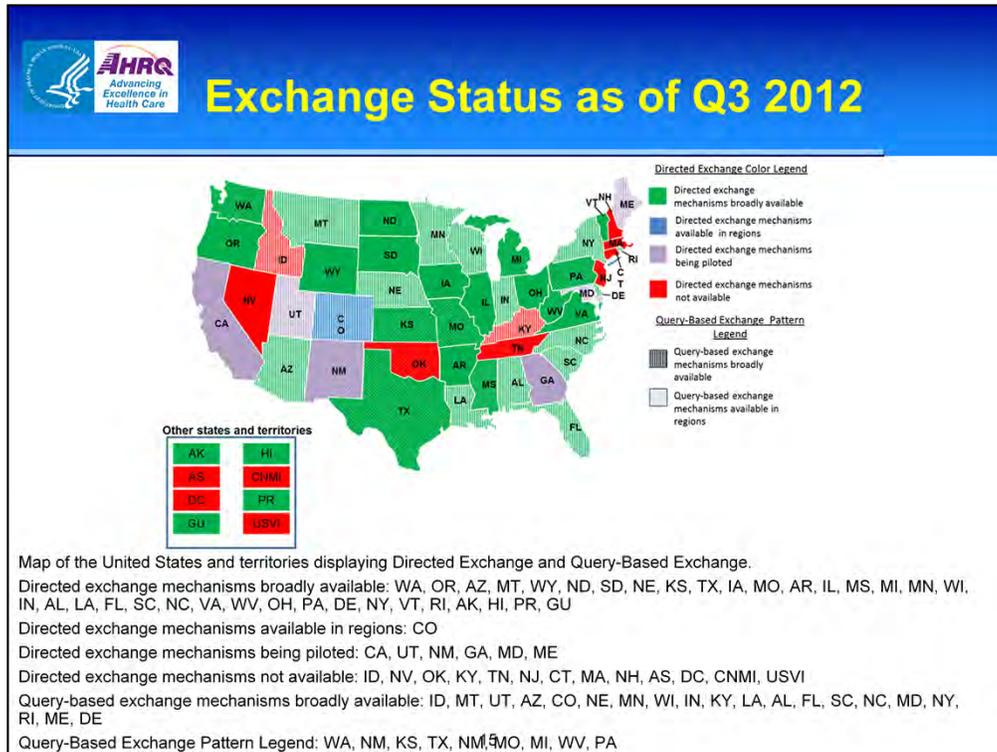
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Exchange Status as of Q3 2012

Map of the United States and territories displaying Directed Exchange and Query-Based Exchange.

Directed exchange mechanisms broadly available: WA, OR, AZ, MT, WY, ND, SD, NE, KS, TX, IA, MO, AR, IL, MS, MI, MN, WI, IN, AL, LA, FL, SC, NC, VA, WV, OH, PA, DE, NY, VT, RI, AK, HI, PR, GU

Directed exchange mechanisms available in regions: CO

Directed exchange mechanisms being piloted: CA, UT, NM, GA, MD, ME

Directed exchange mechanisms not available: ID, NV, OK, KY, TN, NJ, CT, MA, NH, AS, DC, CNMI, USVI

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Query-Based Exchange Pattern Legend: WA, NM, KS, TX, NM, MO, MI, WV, PA



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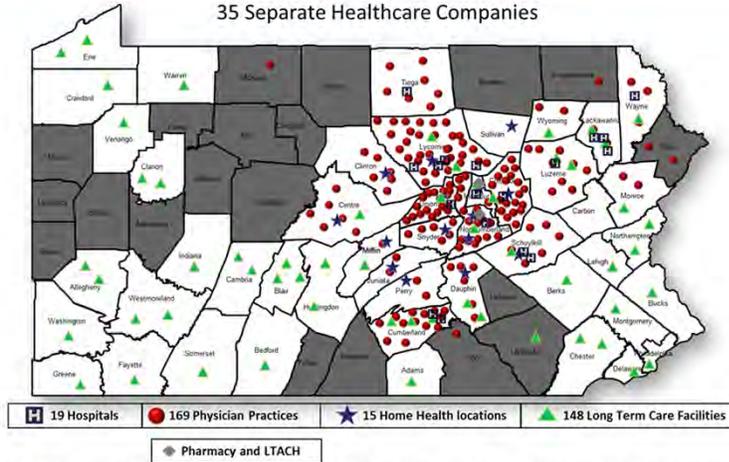
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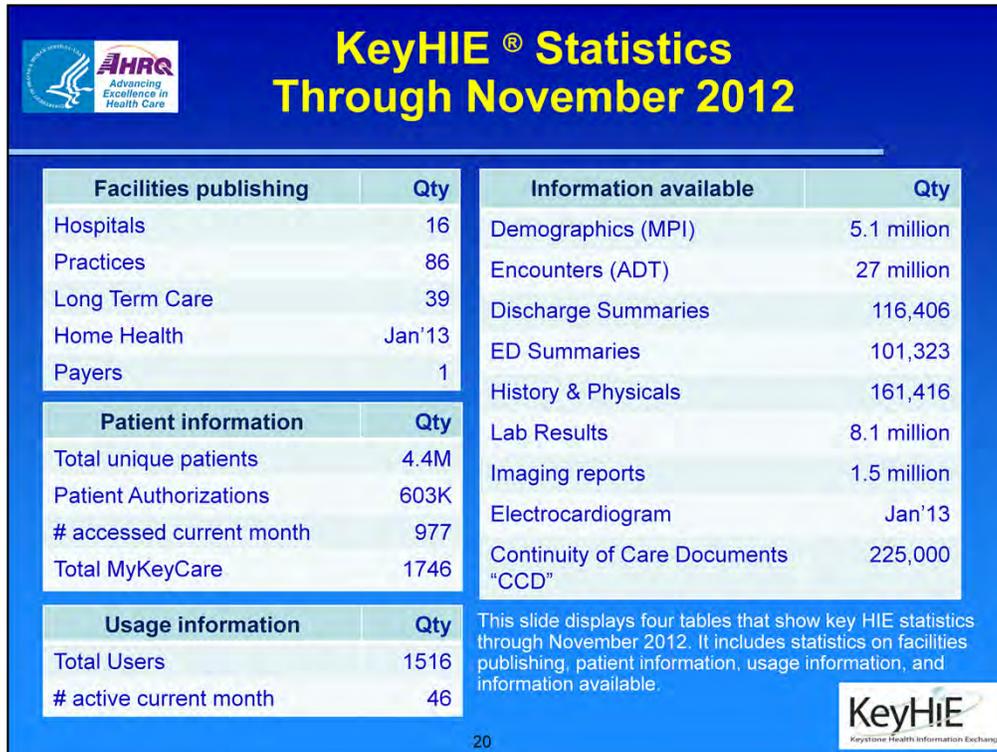
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Long Term Care	39
Home Health	Jan'13
Payers	1

Patient information

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Total unique patients	4.4M
Patient Authorizations	603K
# accessed current month	977
Total MyKeyCare	1746

Usage information

	Qty
Total Users	1516
# active current month	46

Information available

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Demographics (MPI)	5.1 million
Encounters (ADT)	27 million
Discharge Summaries	116,406
ED Summaries	101,323
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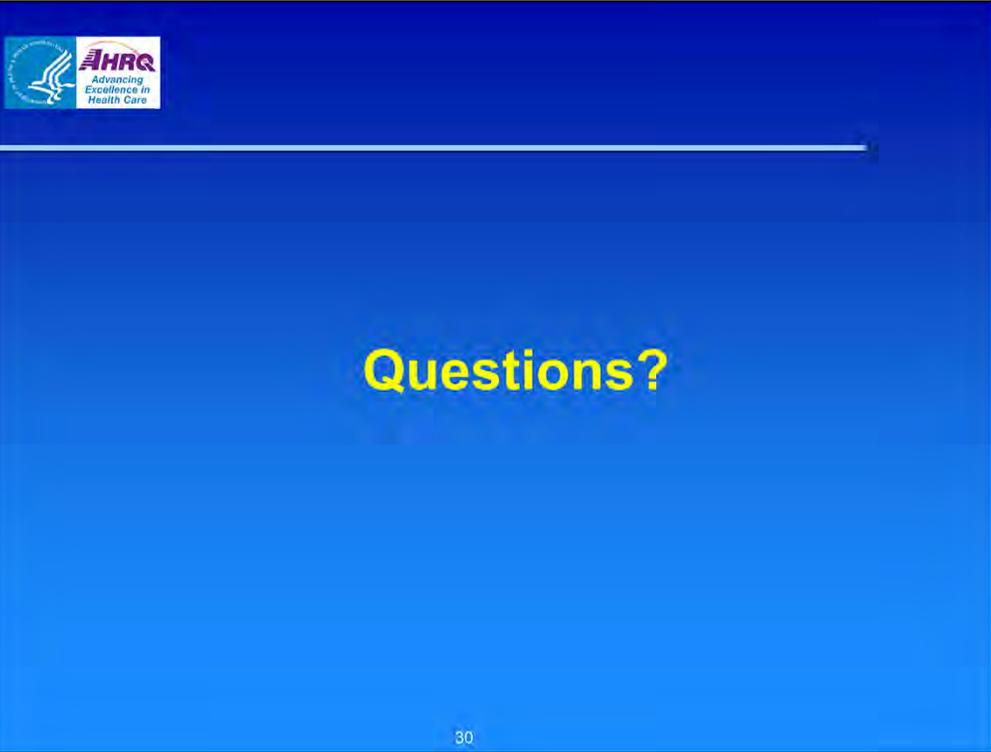
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Transactions sent Oct 16

Transactions sent over Mass Hlway during Golden Spike demonstration

Use Case	From	To	Content
Eastern Hospital to Western Hospital	Massachusetts General Hospital	Baystate Medical Center	Governor Patrick medical record (CCD)
ACO to ACO	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Massachusetts General Hospital	Patient summary record (CCD)
Hospital to Practice	Childrens' Hospital	Atrius Health	Patient summary record (CCD)
Suburban Hospital to Academic Medical Center (bi-directional)	MetroWest (Vanguard)	Tufts Medical Center	Patient summary record (CCD)
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Participating vendors: Orion Health, Meditech, Cerner, eClinicalWorks, LMR (Partners), webOMR (BID), Epic, Siemens

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Transactions sent Oct 16

Transactions sent over Mass Hlway during Golden Spike demonstration:

Use Case: Eastern Hospital to Western Hospital; from Massachusetts General Hospital to Baystate Medical Center; Content: Governor Patrick medical record (CCD)

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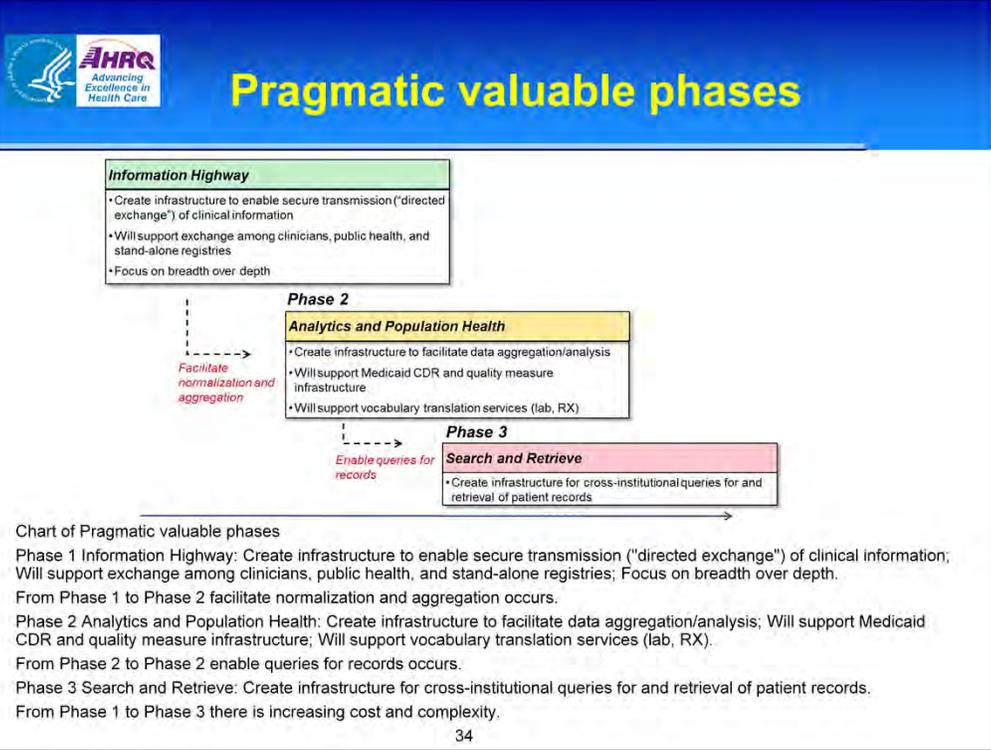
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Pragmatic valuable phases

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Phase 1 Information Highway: Create infrastructure to enable secure transmission ("directed exchange") of clinical information; Will support exchange among clinicians, public health, and stand-alone registries; Focus on breadth over depth.

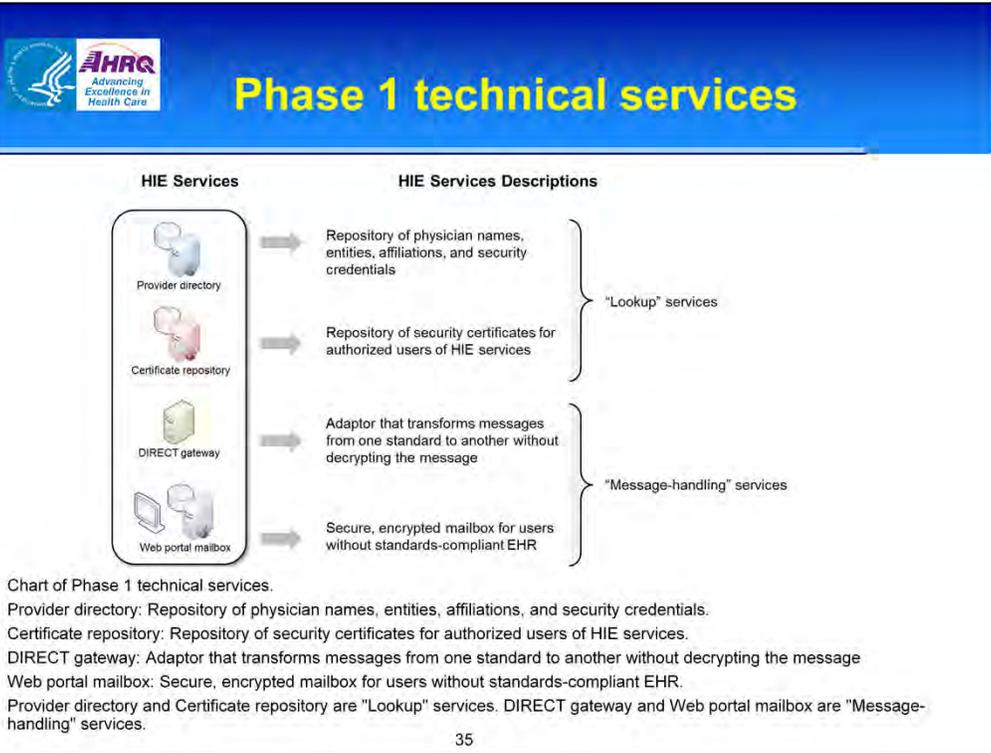
From Phase 1 to Phase 2 facilitate normalization and aggregation occurs.

Phase 2 Analytics and Population Health: Create infrastructure to facilitate data aggregation/analysis; Will support Medicaid CDR and quality measure infrastructure; Will support vocabulary translation services (lab, RX).

From Phase 2 to Phase 2 enable queries for records occurs.

Phase 3 Search and Retrieve: Create infrastructure for cross-institutional queries for and retrieval of patient records.

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Phase 1 technical services

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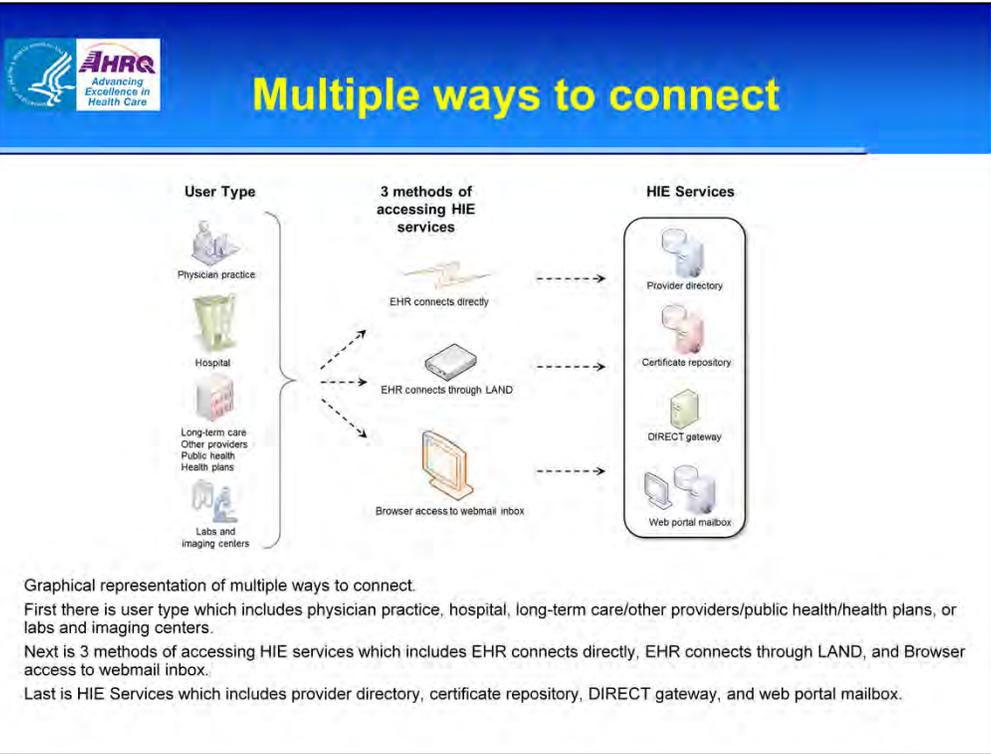
Provider directory: Repository of physician names, entities, affiliations, and security credentials.

Certificate repository: Repository of security certificates for authorized users of HIE services.

DIRECT gateway: Adaptor that transforms messages from one standard to another without decrypting the message

Web portal mailbox: Secure, encrypted mailbox for users without standards-compliant EHR.

Provider directory and Certificate repository are "Lookup" services. DIRECT gateway and Web portal mailbox are "Message-handling" services.



Multiple ways to connect

Graphical representation of multiple ways to connect.

First there is user type which includes physician practice, hospital, long-term care/other providers/public health/health plans, or labs and imaging centers.

Next is 3 methods of accessing HIE services which includes EHR connects directly, EHR connects through LAND, and Browser access to webmail inbox.

Last is HIE Services which includes provider directory, certificate repository, DIRECT gateway, and web portal mailbox.



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