

Samaritan Health Services and Sapphire Health deploy Epic Production environment in Microsoft Azure

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Sapphire Health announced the successful deployment of Samaritan Health Services (SHS) Epic production electronic health record (EHR) environment on Microsoft Azure. The production deployment is a further expansion of SHS's EHR cloud strategy – SHS deployed their EHR disaster recovery environment with Sapphire Health on Azure in late 2022. Sapphire Health partnered with SHS resources on the deployment and was able to go-live within 6 months of project initiation.

“Leveraging the cloud for our Epic workloads affords us flexibility we don't have on prem,” says Scott Morris, AVP of Infrastructure at SHS. “Partnering with Sapphire Health to deploy our EHR production environment in Azure is setting us up for success with future growth and technology adoption.”

Core benefits:

- **Resiliency and Availability.** Azure has multiple regions across the United States (and the globe) and data center redundancy within each region. Azure infrastructure is highly available, helping SHS ensure business continuity.
- **Performance.** Azure offers powerful compute performance that is capable of handling all of SHS's Epic workloads. SHS will not need to worry about refreshing their Epic hardware again and always be on the latest chipset.
- **Cost Flexibility.** Azure services offer flexible pricing structures in which SHS only pays for the services and usage that they need, resulting in potential significant cost savings, especially for the DR and non-production environments.
- **Scalability.** SHS can scale Azure resource up and down as needed to allow for future growth and expansion without expensive capital purchases.

“Our migration path to the cloud and more specifically Azure allows Samaritan Health Services to become quicker and more efficient in how we deploy new applications and enhancements” says Sonney Sapra, SVP and Chief Information Officer at SHS. “Having Sapphire Health along us in this journey by bringing their expertise in both EHR and cloud capabilities has been a great experience and we have been extremely grateful for their partnership.”

About Sapphire Health

Sapphire Health supports healthcare organizations with a team of seasoned healthcare IT professionals to modernize and secure their infrastructure. Sapphire Health can assist with all aspects of planning, design, and execution for Epic platform and cloud migrations, infrastructure automation and optimization, IT managed services, and business continuity and resiliency.