

## Meaningful Use Coordinator/Consultant

**PURPOSE:** Regional consultant to meet the Meaningful Use (MU) requirement as specified by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the Affordable Care Act. “Meaningful Use” refers to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Financial Incentive program for eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHS) that adopt and demonstrate meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record (HER) technology. There are two basic types of incentive programs, one for Medicare, and one for Medicaid. The incentive programs began in 2011 and run through 2016 for Medicare and 2021 for Medicaid. Specific details of primary duties and consultant services as listed below.

1. Works with the Area MU Coordinator, IHS National MU Team; National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and State Regional Extension Centers (RECs); IHS, Area, and Tribal Facility MU Coordinators & MU-IPC Teams, and other I/T/U leadership; CMS Medicare-Medicaid program and State Medicaid programs; Tribes/Tribal Organizations supporting MU in their facilities; State Health Information Exchanges (HIEs); Public Health Departments; and State Immunization Registries.
2. In coordination with the Area MU Coordinator, maintains ongoing communication with state agencies to determine state-specific requirements for health information exchange (HIE) and Medicaid EHR Financial Incentive programs. Communicate state requirements to area and national IHS OIT.
3. Works with the IHS Federal Tribal, and Urban (I/T/U) facilities to assess current status of EHR and MU readiness in terms of EHR applications deployed; Whether the facilities have implemented a certified EHR, and if so, which product; General skills in using the EHR applications; and Specific skills for using the EHR application achieve MU.
4. Assists facilities with using tools that will be added to RPMS EHR for reporting of MU measures, including clinical quality measures and assist with reporting the information as required to CMS and/or the states. Assist facilities not using RPMS EHR with information about the measures that must be reported in order to demonstrate MU.
5. Helps facilities determine which incentives they should apply for and whether they meet eligibility requirements.
6. Stays abreast of changes to and clarifications of Federal guidance regarding meaningful use and EHR certification criteria.
7. Assists sites in determining business process changes needed in order to meet the requirements for demonstrating MU.
8. Identifies training needs and potentially develops and coordinates the training. Assists Area MU Coordinator with scheduling, designing, and delivering training sessions for I/T/U health programs. Schedule and present on-site and remote quality improvement (QI) training sessions for I/T/U health program staff.

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