

MU *Meaningful Use*

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It is amazing to look back on all that has been accomplished over the past year. The certified RPMS EHR has been released, reporting tools have been developed, and there has been a tremendous amount of training on the use of the EHR in a meaningful way. Many new RPMS and EHR tools are now available to assist providers and hospitals in achieving Meaningful Use, and the teams will continue to provide support and guidance for providers and hospitals wishing to pursue the Meaningful Use incentives.

As Stage 1 rolls out, we are also preparing for Stage 2. Requirements are being analyzed and we await the official draft documents in January 2012, as well as the final documentation in June. It is an exciting time as we work to improve the way we make data available to improve the care of patients.

- Chris Lamer, PharmD, BCPS, CDE

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Web site at*

<http://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse>

MU Updates

The IHS Meaningful Use team has been busy assisting Eligible Professionals (EPs) to register for participation in either the Medicare or Medicaid CMS Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive programs. For example, the Area Consultants have conducted site visits at many facilities to assess readiness to meet the MU program requirements.

Patient Volume Update



The National Team has created a group report for calculating Patient Volume for EPs wanting to participate in the Medicaid EHR incentive program.

The RPMS Third Party Billing v2.6 Patch 8 is in the final stages of testing and will provide the Group Patient Volume Report for EPs. Medicaid program participants must demonstrate that they see a minimum volume of Medicaid patients. EPs practicing at FOHC/RHC and Tribal clinics may use a 'needy individual' calculation in order to meet the minimum volume thresholds. Guidance on the use of the Patient Volume Reports was offered in several live presentations. More guidance will be made available and announced through the Meaningful Use Listserv. Sign up for the ListServ now at <http://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse>.

Performance Measures Report Update

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Minor changes to the Performance Measures Report (PMR), logic are currently being reviewed. These changes will be reflected in the next patch. In addition, both the EP and EH/CAH Configuration Guides, training materials, and other reference documents are currently being reviewed and updated. Check back regularly to the Meaningful Use website to view the most recent version of these and other important resources pertaining to the PMR.

Dentists Meet in Rapid City for Annual Meeting

Area Dental Personnel gathered in Rapid City during the second week of September for their Annual Meeting. Attendees were anxious to learn more about Meaningful Use and the CMS EHR Incentive Program. Approximately 35 attendees listened intently to the introductory presentation and participated in a lively question and answer session. The meeting was hosted by Aberdeen Area Dental Consultant, Dr. Colton, and Director of the Rapid City Dental Program, Dr. Von Hendricks. Both hosts are enthusiastic supporters of the Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records.



REC Updates

The NIHB REC has established partnerships with four regional Tribal organizations to provide EHR and MU training and support to Indian healthcare facilities across the country:

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) covers the Alaska Area,
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) covers the Portland Area,
- California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) covers the California Area, and
- United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) covers the Aberdeen, Albuquerque, Bemidji, Billings, Nashville, Navajo, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, and Tucson Areas.

NIHB and its partners encourage all Indian healthcare facilities to sign up with the REC. For more information, visit <http://www.nihb.org/rec/rec.php>.

*The final CQM EP Measures
will be released soon in
CRS version 11.1 patch 1*



The Meaningful Use Team and IHS friends gather in Albuquerque, NM, for EHR training and find time to enjoy a dinner together one evening.

Pictured left to right:
Cecelia Rosales, Dallas Hunt, Carmen Land,
Cathy Whaley, Joanna Kelsey, JoAnne
Hawkins, Mollie Ayala, David Taylor, Troy
Whaley, Ed Heiden and Carol Smith



Area Updates

Albuquerque Area

The Albuquerque Area sites have been requesting vendor letters, ensuring all components of the certified RPMS EHR are installed and establishing a clean date. There are over 100 Eligible Professionals in the Albuquerque area that are in the process of registering for the CMS EHR incentive program and will participate in the Medicaid EHR incentive program for calendar year 2011. The Albuquerque area hospitals also plan on participating in the Medicaid EHR incentive program for fiscal year 2011.

Navajo Area

The Navajo Area continues to move forward toward achieving Meaningful Use. Facility leaders have been promoting education, training, and creating workflow process changes to ensure that their efforts at achieving Meaningful Use are a success. All sites are working diligently to ensure that the required patches are installed and working properly.

Five of the Navajo area hospitals will participate in the Medicaid EHR incentive program for fiscal year 2011. The hospitals are anticipating achieving Meaning Use for Medicare and Medicaid in 2012.

Phoenix Area

Currently, the biggest task at hand for most Arizona facilities is registration for Meaningful Use for Medicaid. Most facilities are concentrating on Medicaid incentives in 2011. Since Phoenix Area IHS facilities are transitioning from a shared Tax ID to newly assigned individual Tax IDs, Meaningful Use registrations for all IHS hospitals in this area will be delayed until the new individual Tax IDs are put in place. A few may be complete before the 2011 deadline, but most will be delayed until 2012.

Tucson Area

The Tucson Area has opted to pursue Medicaid incentives for 2011 (both Hospital and EP), and postpone Medicare incentives to 2012. Registration activity has been initiated for both Hospital and EPs, beginning with verification and correction of PECOS data. After many error messages and corrections, the Hospital registration was finally successful at CMS. Last week both Hospital registration and attestation were completed with the AZ Medicaid registration system. The next step will be EP registration and attestation.

Billings Area

Montana's Medicaid launch date is November 8, 2011, and Wyoming's Medicaid launch date is scheduled for December 2011. The Billings area is working on installing all patches needed to have the certified RPMS EHR.

Washington Area

Washington and Oregon state Medicaid registration have opened. We encourage Eligible Professionals to begin the registration process for the CMS EHR incentives program. Idaho state Medicaid plan is scheduled to launch summer 2012.



TribalNet Conference	Nov 14 – 17
EHR Advanced CAC School	Nov 14 – 18
EHR & MU for HIM Professionals	Nov 28 – Dec 2
EHR-MU & NIH REC Partnership	Dec 12 – 16
EHR Essential Skills for CACs	Feb 13 – 17

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