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Recent Releases

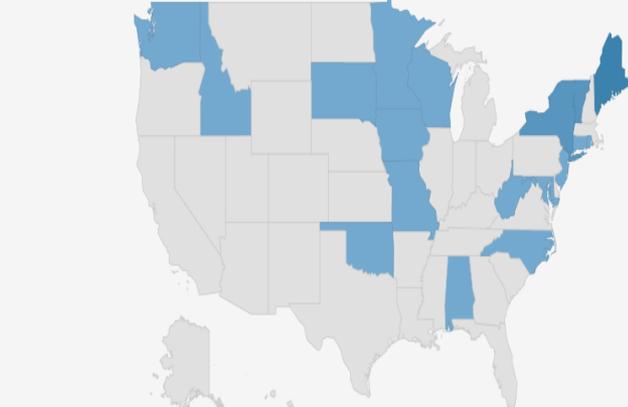
Request for Information on Quality Measures (CMS)

- CMS, in partnership with ONC, issued a Request for Information (RFI) on Certification Frequency and Requirements for the Reporting of Quality Measures under CMS Programs, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/31/2015-32931/agency-information-collection-activities-proposals-submissions-and-approvals-certification-frequency>
- CMS and ONC request feedback on a number of topics, including: how often to require recertification, the number of clinical quality measures to which a certified Health IT Module should be certified, and ways to improve testing of certified Health IT Module(s)
- Due Date for Comments: February 1, 2016

State Health IT Policy Levers Compendium

- State Health IT Policy Levers Compendium was released in December 2015
- This tool is intended to support state efforts to advance interoperability and can also be used in service of delivery system reform
 - It supports the calls to action made of states in the Interoperability Roadmap
 - It will help spur peer-to-peer discussions and learning opportunities among states
- The Compendium includes:
 - A Policy Lever Directory of 32 distinct policy levers and a description of how they can be used to promote health IT and to advance interoperability
 - An 'Example Activities' Catalogue with nearly 300 examples of actual or proposed uses of such levers
 - A List of State Points of Contact who can be contacted for more information about the policy levers in their state

State Health IT Policy Levers Compendium (cont.)

State	Activity Status	Activity Description	Source
Alabama	Actual	Alabama's Medicaid Health Home SPA targets individuals with a single behavioral health issue, two chronic conditions; or one chronic condition and the risk of developing another from the following list of conditions: Mental Health Condition, Substance Use Disorder, Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Transplants, Cardiovascular Disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Cancer, HIV and Sickle Cell Anemia. Alabama utilizes MMIS and the Care Management Information System to identify patients meeting health home criteria. The state currently requires an integrated medical record but not an electronic continuity of care record. Alabama also uses web-based tools, a HIPAA-client portal, home monitoring (Real-time Medical Electronic Data Exchange (RMEDETM) system and an interactive voice response system (IVR). The state is planning to implement use of "One Health Record" [the state's HIE] when national standards are finalized. Once One Health Record is operational the state will consider possible sharing of consent forms and encouragement of all providers types (SA, CMHCs and ADPH) to connect to One Health Record. Building off the work of Q-Tool, the infrastructure for One Health RecordTM and the infrastructure for Meaningful Use will be utilized for the Patient 1st Program, including a HIPAA-client portal that enables providers to view paid claims data submitted for an enrollee by any provider. The portal will provide access to hospital emergency department services claims data, specific preferred drug lists (PDL), prescription information for an individual enrollee, information regarding whether a prescription meets requirement for Medicaid payment. Providers will be able to transmit a prescription electronically to the enrollee's pharmacy of choice, review laboratory data and determine medication adherence information. Enhancements under consideration specifically address the opportunity for a unified web-based assessment tool, particularly related to mental health and substance use.	<p>Medicaid Approved Health Home State Plan Amendments: (Filter by State: <input type="text"/>)</p> <p>Search to Use the App: Begin by selecting a policy from the drop-down list. Your selection creates a map that shows those states with documented activities related to the selected policy lever and a table, below the map, with the description of each state's activity(s) and the information source.</p> <p>Approval http://www.resource.amendments</p> <p>Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SP) <input type="text"/></p> 
Connecticut	Proposed	The Affordable Care Act of 2010, Section 2703, created an optional Medicaid State Plan benefit for states to establish Health Homes to coordinate care for people with Medicaid who have chronic conditions by adding Section 2703 of the Social Security Act. Health Homes providers will integrate and coordinate all primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports to treat the whole person.	Kate McF Health Se

The Compendium can be found on the ONC Dashboard:

<http://dashboard.healthit.gov/dashboards/state-health-it-policy-levers-compendium.php>

UPDATE ON ONC PROGRAMS

Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE Program

- The Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support Health Information Exchange Program will leverage investments and lessons learned from the previous State HIE Program
- \$29.6M for 12 awards over 2 years
- **Goals include:**
 - Expand the adoption of health information exchange technology
 - Provide technical assistance, training, education, exchange services, and resources to enable care providers to send, receive, find, and use health information
 - Provide hands-on technical assistance and workflow redesign support to incorporate the use of data from external sources into daily clinical and non-clinical workflows and interactions with patients

Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE Program

HIE Program Awardees

1. Arkansas Office of Health Information Technology
2. Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
3. Delaware Health Information Network
4. Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority
5. Nebraska Department of Administrative Services
6. New Hampshire Health Information Organization Corporation
7. New Jersey Innovation Institute
8. Oregon Health Authority
9. Rhode Island Quality Institute
10. South Carolina Health Information Partners, Inc.
11. State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority
12. Utah Health Information Network

Community Interoperability and HIE Program

Purpose: Create projects at the community level to increase HIE adoption and use among care providers by:

- » Inspiring communities to work collaboratively
- » Supporting and extending the use of secure, interoperable health IT tools and HIE services

No.	Applicants	State	Target Population	HHS Region
1	National Healthy Start Association	DC	Community based organizations; isolated care providers in rural South Carolina	4
2	Peninsula Community Health Services	WA	Behavioral Health	10
3	Georgia Health Information Network	GA	School health nurses, parents & guardians and students	4
4.	Community Health Center Network Inc.	CA	Behavioral and social health	9
5	AltaMed Health Service Corporation	CA	LTPAC, Behavioral Health; Specialty Medicine	9
6	Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	WI	School Nurses	5
7	Rhode Island Quality Institute	RI	Behavioral Health	1
8	Washtenaw County - Community Support and Treatment Services	MI	Behavioral Health	5
9	Nevada Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	NV	Behavioral Health	9
10	Utah Department of Health	UT	Newborn hearing and screening	8

Community Health Peer Learning Program (CHP)

As a continuation of the Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program, CHP recruited 15 communities on the path to interoperable health IT to identify data solutions and accelerate local progress around population health challenges.

Community Health Peer Learning Two-Year Focus: ***Supporting community-level population health improvement.***

- \$2.22M over 2 years to help clinicians, administrators, organizations, and communities continue to learn, grow, and improve the health of individual residents and its population through interoperable health IT.
- ONC awarded Academy Health to function as the CHP National Program Office to recruit 15 communities across the country through a 'National Call for Application' to participate in the peer learning collaborative.
- CHP will seek to leverage existing and cultivate new cross-community partnerships around population health challenges through peer learning, subject matter expert (SME) guidance, and stakeholder engagement.
- CHP will seek to translate these lessons into data solutions, best practices, and tools which can be shared with non-participating communities nationwide to accelerate and achieve health data sharing successes.

Workforce Training to Educate Health Care Professionals in HIT

- The Workforce Training Program awarded **\$6.7 million** over **2 years** to update training materials from the original Workforce Curriculum Development program. Updates will address four areas* relevant for improved care delivery:
 - population health
 - care coordination
 - value based payment & new care delivery models
 - health care data analytics
- * patient-centered care (woven throughout each of the four topics above)
- The Workforce Training Program will also train **6,000** incumbent health care workers to use new health information technologies in a variety of settings.

Workforce Training Program Awardees

- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Bellevue College, Bellevue Washington
- Columbia University, New York City, New York
- John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minnesota
- Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon
- The University of Texas Health Science (Houston)

Supporting the Care Continuum through the ONC Health IT Certification Program

Refresher: 2015 Edition Final Rule Health IT Goals

Improve Interoperability

Ensure Privacy and Security Capabilities

Reduce Health Disparities

Use the ONC Health IT Certification Program to Support the Care Continuum

Facilitate Data Access and Exchange

Improve Patient Safety

Improve the Reliability and Transparency of Certified Health IT

Support the EHR Incentive Programs

The ONC Health IT Certification Program

In addition to MU programs under HITECH, a number of federal and other health programs currently point to certified health IT and/or the ONC Health IT Certification Program. Here are several:

- » Physician Self-Referral Law exception and Anti-kickback Statute safe harbor for certain EHR donations
- » CMS chronic care management services (included in 2015 and 2016 Physician Fee Schedule rulemakings)
- » Department of Defense Healthcare Management System Modernization Program
- » The Joint Commission for performance measurement initiative (“ORYX vendor” – eCQMs for hospitals)
- » ***Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) (see statutory law)***

Moving Toward the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA)

- **What?** MACRA was enacted on April 16, 2015 and includes two key programs for Medicare providers: Merit-Based Incentive Program (MIPS) & Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
- **Who?** Among other requirements, MACRA modifies participation and payment for Meaningful Use Medicare Eligible Providers and requires participants to use certified health IT
 - » 25 percent of the composite performance score under the MIPS must be determined based on performance in the meaningful use of certified EHR technology performance category.
 - » The Secretary has discretion to reduce the percentage weight for this performance category (but not below 15 percent) in any year in which the Secretary estimates that the proportion of eligible professionals who are meaningful EHR users is 75 percent or greater, resulting in an increase in the applicable percentage weights of the other performance categories.

MACRA: Meaningful Use of Certified EHR Technology Performance Category

- **Medicaid & EHRs?** As per HITECH, CMS EHR Incentive Program for Medicaid and Medicare's Eligible Hospital-based Medicare Meaningful Use program will continue; exploring ways to advancement alignment goals
- **Listening & Learning?** HHS released a Request for Information (RFI) on MACRA in 2015, and included a 60-day public comment period to facilitate additional feedback about Stage 3 of the EHR Incentive Programs going forward, in particular with the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)
- **Timing?** MACRA NPRM expected to be released in Spring 2016

MACRA Overview and Request for Information

For Additional Information:

- CMS Presentation – Presented by Kate Goodrich, MD, MHS (Director, Quality Measurement and Value-based Incentives Group, CMS) at the Joint Meeting of the Health IT Policy and Health IT Standards Committees (October 6, 2015)
[https://www.healthit.gov/archive/archive_files/HIT%20Joint%20Committee/2015/2015-10-06/Joint MACRA RFI 2015-10-06.pdf](https://www.healthit.gov/archive/archive_files/HIT%20Joint%20Committee/2015/2015-10-06/Joint_MACRA_RFI_2015-10-06.pdf)
- EHR Incentive Programs: Where We Go Next – Blog by Dr. DeSalvo, National Coordinator for Health IT, and Acting CMS Administrator Andy Slavitt
<http://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/meaningful-use/8791/>