



Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

Rural Hospitals and Meaningful Use
December 4, 2013





Rural Hospitals: Surveying the Landscape

- Focus on small, rural hospitals
- Most resource challenged
- CAHs and Acute Care Hospitals
 - Registered but not attested
 - Successfully attested
- Familiar problems on a larger scale



Rural Hospitals: Barriers to EHR Implementation



Capital/Financing for EHR



Insufficient IT Resources



Lack of Personnel



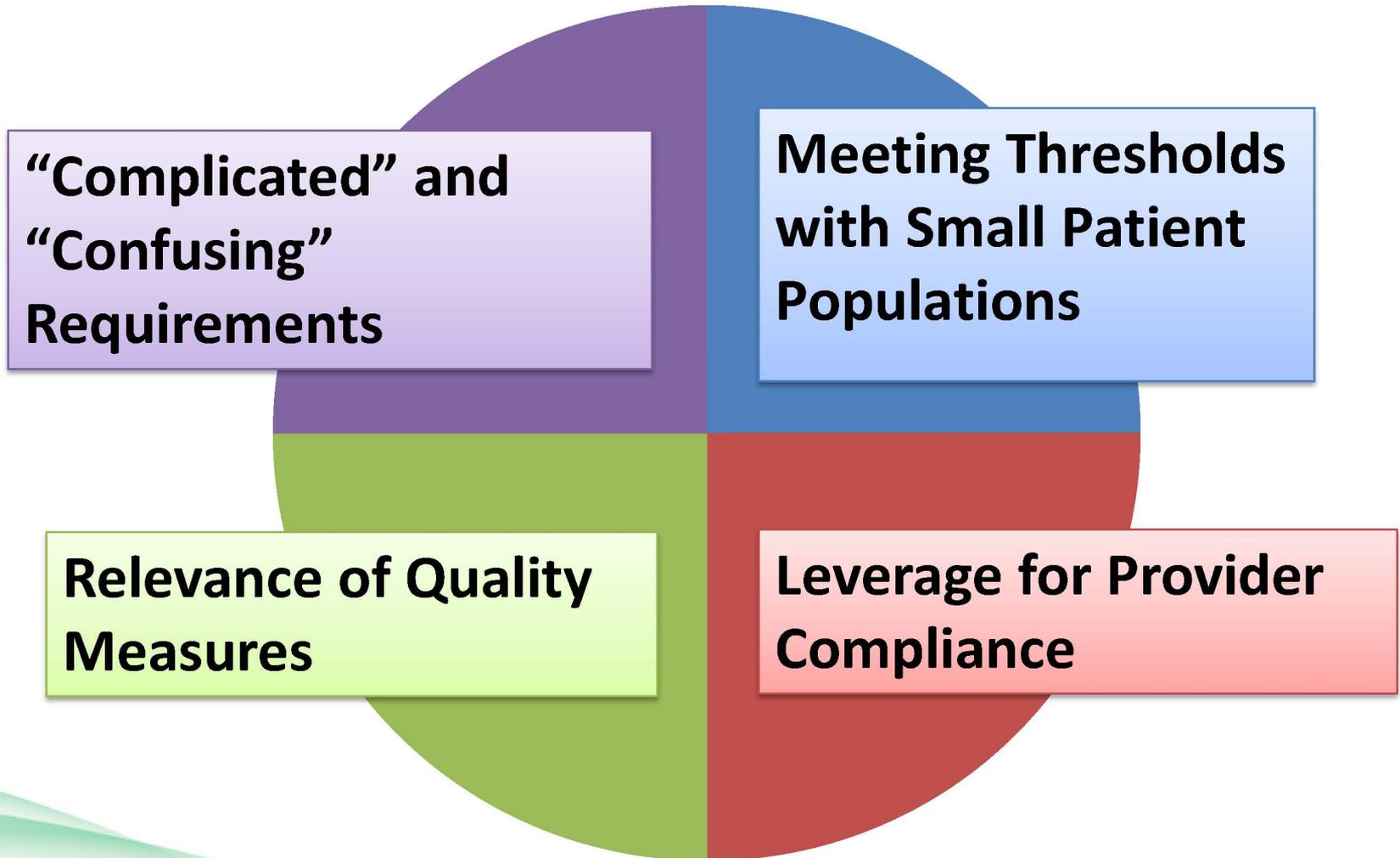
EHR System Acquisition



Internal Resistance to EHR Implementation



Rural Hospitals: Barriers to Meaningful Use





Rural Hospitals: Crossing the Finish Line



Electronic
Health Records

**Robust EHR
Vendor
Support**



**REC/
Consultant
Support**



**Hospital
System
Support**



**Program
Info
from CMS**



Rural Hospitals: What's Next from CMS



**Meaningful Use Resources
Focused on Rural Hospitals**



**Webinars and Training Modules
For Rural Hospitals**



Working with Partner Associations

- **How to choose an EHR**
 - **Lessons Learned**
- **Implementation Planning**
 - **Financing**