

Health Information Technology updates

Attention! In our current system we have a very large subscription list of those wanting EHR updates and those wanting CDR updates. When this was set up it wasn't split into 2 different lists so when we need to send program updates or information, it currently goes to both EHR and CDR subscribers. This has obviously created some confusion as certain updates only apply to half the subscriber list. To fix this we are creating an EHR Subscriber List and a CDR Subscriber List. Please subscribe to whichever best meets your needs. Once these lists have reached a subscriber amount equal to the original list we will delete the old list. So please be sure to subscribe as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding.

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Clinical Data Repository updates

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Need CDR help?

Please contact our team at: healthit@hca.wa.gov and put "CDR" in the subject line or visit our website at <http://hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-information-technology>

To take the first readiness steps in adopting the CDR please visit the OneHealthPort readiness page: <http://www.onehealthport.com/hca-cdr>

Need EHR help?

Need EHR help? Please contact our team at:

Clinical Summary Data submission volumes continue to grow!

The Link4Health Clinical Data Repository (CDR) has been open for the past several months for health care organizations that have successfully completed their readiness activities. Providers are submitting their clinical summaries in a standard electronic format called a Continuity of Care Document (CCD) after each outpatient encounter or inpatient admission. Many providers are currently submitting data and the past month has been very busy with some final testing for others.

This accomplishment is the result of significant work by OneHealthPort (OHP), the state health information exchange, in collaboration with providers and their electronic health record (EHR) vendors. To recap some of the key milestones to date:

- The health record has been established for 1.8M Apple Health consumers
- Historical claims from Jan 2016 onward have been loaded into the CDR
- Various security reviews have been completed, including one by the state Office of the CIO
- OHP instituted a \$600 HIE subscription incentive for providers submitting CCD files by June 1. Providers have been able to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Plans are being finalized for a new series of provider outreach meetings to reinforce the many benefits of the CDR and how it fits into the broader Healthier Washington strategy.

Although participation in the CDR it is not a direct requirement of the meaningful use program at this point in

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time, many providers have not been able to meet meaningful use requirements for sharing care summaries with others. Just as a reminder – these providers can now meet this objective by contributing care summaries to the CDR.

If you have any questions about whether your organization is required to submit data to the CDR, please refer to the HCA health IT web site or e-mail us at healthit@hca.wa.gov.

You may also visit the [OneHealthPort CDR readiness page](#) for information on readiness activities, contracting, and clinical data exchange technical requirements.

We recognize that this effort to automate this level of data sharing results in a work effort for your EHR vendor and your staff. We appreciate your engagement and efforts in this initiative as we continue working collectively in 2017.

Please send us your internal training contacts

In the coming months, we will open the CDR web portal for your clinical staff to view the data. In order to make using the system as easy as possible we will provide educational handouts and webinars for your use. To that end, we request contact information for your **staff training department or the individual in your practice responsible for distributing information (name, phone and e-mail) by July 14th**. We can then provide them with our materials so your organization can make use of this new clinical service. Please send contact information to healthit@hca.wa.gov, with **"Trainer"** in the subject line.

Programs Listserv.

Remember to keep an electronic back-up or file of all documentation/reports used during each attestation. This will save you considerable time and efforts if you are ever asked to provide attestation materials during an audit.

Electronic Health Record updates

What is MACRA and MIPS?

MACRA is the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act. MACRA replaces the current Medicare reimbursement schedule with a new pay-for-performance program that's focused on quality, value, and accountability. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) stated that MACRA enacts a new payment framework that rewards health care providers for giving better care instead of more service.

MIPS is the name of a new program that will determine Medicare payment adjustments and is an acronym for the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System. Using a composite performance score, eligible professionals (EPs) may receive a payment bonus, a payment penalty, or no payment adjustment.

Follow the link to learn more:

<http://www.practicefusion.com/blog/what-is-macra-and-mips/>

Attestation FAQ

Q: I entered numerator and denominator information during my Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program attestation from my certified EHR technology, but subsequently discovered that the method of calculation included in the software was flawed. The software vendor has updated the reports. If CMS audits me, will I be held responsible for the difference between what I reported and what the updated software calculates?

A: CMS does not plan to conduct an audit to find providers who relied on flawed software for their attestation

information. We realize that providers relied on the software they used for accuracy of reporting, and we believe that most providers who were improperly deemed meaningful users would have met the requirements of the EHR Incentive Programs using the updated certified EHR technology. For more information about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please visit:

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms> FAQ22001 (FAQ6097)

All about C-CDA's!

The Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (C-CDA) standard (version 1.1, C-CDA 1.1) was first adopted in 2012 as part of the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC's) 2014 Edition final rule. It took nearly three years after that rulemaking for certified health information technology (health IT) with C-CDA 1.1 capabilities to be widely deployed among health care providers. Today's experience with respect to C-CDA-based interoperability reflects this now five year-old version, and, in some respects, the software implementation and usability decisions that were made at that time too.

We believe this experience is about to change. [Learn more about why.](#)

Electronic Health Record Incentive Payment Program statistics

Hospitals

Year 1: 88 = \$63,781,127

Year 2: 78 = \$35,845,012

Year 3: 67 = \$24,877,055

Year 4: 46 = \$14,001,019

Total for all years: \$138,504,213

Eligible Professionals

Year 1: 6,917 = \$146,348,780

Year 2: 3,050 = \$25,780,517

Year 3: 1,912 = \$16,212,338

Year 4: 996 = \$8,432,004

Year 5: 415 = \$3,521,834

Year 6: 78 = \$663,000

Total for all years: \$200,958,473

Grand total paid since 6/1/2011: \$339,462,686

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