Medicaid and Public Health Community of Practice

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Kick Off Meeting August 12, 2016
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Community of Practice (CoP)

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), in collaboration with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) have revived the Community of Practice (CoP) focused on leveraging Federal financial participation (FFP), including the 90 percent FFP State administrative match (aka. 90/10) for Medicaid Health Information Technology (HIT) activities. The proposed participants in this CoP will include representatives from public health agencies (e.g., MU Coordinators, HIT Coordinators), state Medicaid offices and national public health associations.

This CoP will provide a collaborative forum for public health agencies (PHAs) to:

- Identify common barriers and challenges to obtaining FFP for public health related HIT activities
- Share successful models and approaches used to obtain FFP
- Establish best practices to identify and coordinate intra-agency initiatives and projects that may qualify for funding
- Develop guidance for HIT Implementation Advance Planning Documents (IAPD)
- Identify key aspects for successful communications and planning with State Medicaid agencies
- Share the latest updates and opportunities for PHAs

This CoP will meet using the GoToWebinar tool on a bi-weekly basis starting August 12, 2016. Pre-registration is required to join these meetings.

Webinar Information

- GoToWebinar will now be used for these webinars and pre-registration for this event is required. Please follow the registration instructions listed below to receive instructions on how to join this webinar.
- Your registration will be valid for all of the currently scheduled monthly meetings.
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Webinar Registration Instructions
Submit or Ask Questions

- Submit your text question and comments using the Question Panel
- Please raise your hand to be unmuted for verbal questions.
Agenda

- CoP Overview, Objectives and Draft Charter
- Overview of the use of FFP for Public Health HIT Activities
  » Jim Daniel & Tom Novak, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT
- Questions/Answers & Discussion
- Proposed Next Steps
Overview of a Community of Practice

- A forum that HHS and others have used to focus on specific issues or challenges and with active participation from members identify and share potential solutions
- Subject matter experts help guide the discussion and facilitate conversation
- Members commit to participate in regular meetings and actively contribute to the discussion and help identify potential solutions
- Regularly scheduled meetings occur and in this case they will not be recorded to promote open and honest discussions (8/12 session exception)
- A CoP charter is developed and specific objectives are identified and reviewed every six months
- A members only shared workplace or platform, will be provided to share information, resources, promising practices and more
The original M&PH CoP, formerly known as the Leveraging Federal Financial Participation for Medicaid and Public Health HIT Activities Community of Practice, was launched in 2014 but was disbanded in 2015 due to lack of involvement.

Membership includes representatives from public health agencies (e.g., MU coordinators, HIT Coordinators), state Medicaid offices and national public health associations.

Meetings will initially occur every second and fourth Friday of the month from 2-3PM EST. **Next meeting will be August 26, 2016**

For this CoP we will be using Basecamp as the shared workspace. Everyone who registered for the webinar today will receive an invite from Basecamp next week encouraging you to create a login and password.
M&PH CoP Objectives

• Identify common barriers and challenges to obtaining Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for public health related HIT activities

• Share successful models and approaches used to obtain FFP

• Establish best practices to identify and coordinate intra-agency initiatives and projects that may qualify for funding

• Develop or update guidance for HIT Implementation Advance Planning Documents (IAPD)

• Identify key aspects for successful communications and planning with state Medicaid agencies
**M&PH CoP Charter**

**DRAFT CHARTER 8/12/2016**

**ONC/CDC Medicaid and Public Health Community of Practice (M&PH CoP)**
Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Office of Policy (OPOL)/Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

*Effective Date of Charter: August 2016*
*Estimated Charter Conclusion Date: July 2017*

**INTRODUCTION**
Communities of Practice (CoPs) are one mechanism the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks to use to fulfill obligations to support and accelerate efforts to adopt, implement, and effectively utilize health information technology.

COps convene to support public-private partnerships and identify, inform, and address health IT challenges in health care that may:

- Focus on a health care challenge and the ways health IT can address that challenge.
- Help accelerate interoperable health IT adoption through the transfer of knowledge and broad dissemination of best practices at the community, state, and national levels.
- Convene for a discrete, predetermined duration.
- Function as an ongoing educational opportunity.

**BACKGROUND**
Overview of the use of FFP for Public Health HIT Activities

Jim Daniel and Tom Novak
The Current Landscape of FFP and Public Health Activities

- CMS Regional Meetings
- Standout Projects that have been approved by CMS
  - Systems for registration of intent
  - Onboarding for all measures
  - Building infrastructure
  - Specialized registries (e.g., Zika)
- Introductory calls to state Medicaid partners
- One on One technical assistance
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act) Health Information Technology (HIT) in the Medicaid program

- seven page letter to State Medicaid Directors May 18, 2011 (SMDL# 11-004)

- 90 % Federal financial participation (FFP) for State administrative expenses related to the program. including System and resource costs associated with State interfaces of a Health Information Exchange (HIE)--(e.g., laboratories, immunization registries, public health databases, other HIEs, etc.)

- The letter outlines expectations relating to the activities and potential uses of the 90/10 matching funds.
Step-by-Step Guide for PHAs Seeking FFP

- Step 1: Review CMS Letter SMDL# 10-016 and CMS Letter SMDL# 11-004
- Step 2: Develop an Interagency Agreement between Public Health and Medicaid
- Step 3: Drafting of Necessary Documents (P-APD, SMHP, I-APD)
- Step 4: Collaborate early and often with CMS
- Step 5: Develop I-APD and Submit to CMS
- Step 6: Revise I-APD Based on Feedback Received
- Step 7: Receive Approval Letter from CMS

Source: “A Step-by-Step Guide for Health Departments Seeking HIT/HIE Funding Via the 90/10 Medicaid Match” (90-10 tool revised.pdf) available at: http://www.phconnect.org/group/ph-reporting-task-force
• PHAs must work through their state Medicaid agency in order to talk with CMS
• Barriers when public health and Medicaid are in separate state agencies
• PHAs could use national level guidance to share with state Medicaid office colleagues documenting successful PH proposals and projects in other states
• PH processes (e.g., onboarding) and quantifying the benefit to Medicaid recipients can be difficult to package and communicate to the state Medicaid agency

Source: These Issues/Concerns/Barriers were contributed by the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Public Health Reporting Requirements Task Force.
• Difficult for some States to find the 10% match in order to receive 90% FFP match

• Some state Medicaid agencies are limiting proposals to infrastructure; and not allowing PHAs to include the costs of additional staff resources in proposals

• PHAs want to apply for the 90/10 FFT; however, there is no clear process or guidance to do so

Source: These Issues/Concerns/Barriers were contributed by the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Public Health Reporting Requirements Task Force.
Opportunities for architecture & on-boarding:

- Scope of ‘on-boarding’?
- Specialized Registries
  - Zika
  - Other PH priorities? (lead, HIV, Hep C, Chickungunya?)
- Link to Provider Directories

- Competing for Medicaid support
- Relationship building
Next Steps

• Next Call: August 26, 2016 2-3PM EST. We will be discussing registration of intent systems

• In Person Meeting: Public Health Informatics (PHI) August 21-24, 2016 in Atlanta, GA—those attending and want to meet in person please contact meaningfuluse@cdc.gov.

• Sign up for Basecamp—Please start discussions and post resources. All slides will be posted here as well as CDC’s Meaningful use website (https://www.cdc.gov/ehrmeaningfuluse/)

• Send topics/ideas for future CoP meetings to meaningfuluse@cdc.gov