Public Health – EHR Vendors Collaboration Initiative
Webinar

Update on the
National Health Care Surveys
Transmission Options

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Agenda

• Overview of National Health Care Surveys
• National Health Care Surveys Registry
• Data Standards and Formats
• Certification Progress & Imperative
• Data Transmission Options
CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics - National Health Care Surveys

• Produce accurate objective, nationally-representative statistics on health care to inform health care policy and serve a variety of research needs
National Health Care Surveys: Spectrum of Care

Ambulatory and Hospital Care
- Physician Offices
- CHCs
- EDs
- OPDs
- ASLs
- Inpatient

NHAMCS

NHDS - Last 2010

National Hospital Care Survey - In Development

Long Term Care
- NHs - Last 2004
- HHCs - Last 2007
- Hospice
- RCCs - Last 2010
- ADSCs - Added 2012

Since 2012
NSLTCP
Examples of the data

Patients
• Demographics
• Insurance status
• Residential zip
• Medical conditions
• Smoking history
• Personal identifiers for linkage (e.g., to the National Death Index)

Encounters
• Reason for visit
• Diagnosis
• Procedures and services
• Medications or immunizations
• Laboratory and other diagnostic tests
• Types of providers seen
Who Uses National Health Care Surveys Data?

- Federal and State policy makers
- Professional medical and health associations
- Health service researchers
- Epidemiologists
- Universities and medical schools
- Broadcast and print media
National Health Care Surveys Registry

- A Public Health Reporting Registry
- Facilitates Participation in the National Health Care Surveys
- Provides Documentation to Providers to Use for MU & MIPS Attestation and Audits

- Registrants to Date
  - 150,000+ Eligible Professionals and Clinicians
  - 900+ Eligible and Critical Access Hospitals
National Health Care Surveys Registry Resources

National Health Care Surveys Meaningful Use and Merit-based Incentive Payment System Web Site

- https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/dhcs/meaningful_use.htm

Declaration of Readiness

National Health Care Surveys Data Standards and Formats

- HL7 CDA R2 Implementation Guide: National Health Care Surveys, DSTU
- CDA Documents
  - Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs), Discharge Summaries, and Transfer Summaries
- Custom Extracts
National Health Care Surveys Data Standards and Formats

HL7 CDA R2 Implementation Guide:
National Health Care Surveys, DSTU

- Release 1.0, December 2014
- Release 1.1, November 2015
- Release 1.2, August 2016 - Preferred Release
  - Since May, 2017 ONC allows EHRs & HIT modules to certify CEHRT using Release 1.2
CEHRT & National Health Care Surveys

Certification Criterion

• Transmission to public health agencies – health care surveys*
  • 29 2015 Edition Products Certified
    ▪ 16 distinct EHR vendors
  • Delay in EHR vendor certification to the health care surveys criteria may be related to relaxing of timeframe for required use of 2015 Edition CEHRT
  • NCHS and many National Health Care Survey participants are encouraging vendors to certify to 170.315(f)(7) as soon as possible

* Regulation Text Citation - § 170.315(f)(7)
Data Transmission

Options

1. CDC’s Secure Access Management System (SAMS)
   - Manual File Upload
   - Currently live & in production

2. Direct
   - Utilized in the past for data transfer
   - Working on reestablishing it

3. Public Health Information Network Message System (PHIN MS)
   - CDC’s solution for securely exchanging data
   - Considering incorporating it for National Health Care Surveys

4. Some other SFTP system
   - Under consideration for development
Questions or Comments?

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