Public Health’s Interests in Health IT Policy

Joint Public Health Forum & CDC Nationwide

Webinar

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The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) jointly sponsor this initiative, which features monthly webinars to foster collaboration amongst the public health jurisdictions across the nation, in response to the widespread adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) for Meaningful Use.

**Community Profile**

The objectives for this initiative include:
- Identify common questions and concerns around meaningful use
- Provide updates on federal partner activities in preparing for meaningful use
- Allow public health jurisdictions to share useful practices and current progress
- Identify technical assistance needs and priorities

**Note:** Webinar pre-registration is required and the instructions to register are provided in the Monthly Webinar Registration section below.

Please send in your feedback, questions, and/or suggestions for these Joint Public Health Forum & CDC Nationwide Webinars to the Meaningful Use Mailbox (meaningfuluse@cdc.gov).

**Meeting Schedule and Webinar Information**

**Meeting Schedule:**
Submit or Ask Questions

• Submit your text question and comments using the Question Panel

• Please raise your hand to be unmuted for verbal questions.
The CMS Quality Payment Programs

- Signed into law on December 13, 2016, the 21st Century Cures Act is a bipartisan law that brings health care into the 21st century

- The purpose of the Act is to “help modernize and personalize health care, encourage greater innovation, support research, and streamline the system”\(^1\).

- Builds upon and amends the Public Health Service Act, the HITECH Act, the Social Security Act, and other existing laws
Health IT in ACI

- Closing the Health IT Referral Loop
- Bridging the Information Gap across Care Settings
- Incentivizes Public Health and Population Health Management
- Streamlining Reporting and Providing Flexibility

Health IT in Quality

- Seamless Information Exchange through Health IT
- Flexible Options for Electronic Reporting
- End-to-End Electronic Reporting Bonus

Health IT in Improvement Activities

- Includes a wide range of options that leverage certified health IT to support eligible clinicians in implementing clinical practice improvements.
- Certified EHR Technology Bonus for Improvement Activities

Health IT In APMs

- At least 50 percent of the clinicians in an Advanced APM must use certified EHR technology
- Other payer APMs will align with Medicare APMs using certified EHR technology in future years
- APM Entities must comply with HIPAA and may also include additional APM specific technology initiatives
The Advancing Care Information performance category includes measurement of eligible clinicians and groups use of certified EHR technology.
The Quality category includes a bonus for the end-to-end electronic reporting of CQMs which may include eCQMs related to immunization status.

Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization (CMS 147v5/NQF 0041)

Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults (CMS 127v4/NQF 0043)

Childhood Immunization Status (CMS117v5/NQF 0038)
The CMS Quality Payment Programs

• How prepared is the public health community to support MIPS participants for 2017?

• Are there any areas in particular where you are noting issues of concern?

• Are these issues related to technology, to policy requirements, or to a general gap in understanding among participants?

• Are there any specific areas where CMS and ONC could provide additional guidance that might be of help?
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• How prepared is the public health community to support MIPS participants for 2018?

• For 2018 participation, using the 2015 Edition, what are the specific concerns relating to technology changes, standards updates, or other technical area?

• Are these issues related to technology, to policy requirements, or to a general gap in understanding among participants?

• Are there any specific areas where CMS and ONC could provide additional guidance that might be of help?
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Health IT Policy Prioritizing and Strategic Planning

• What are the key policy areas you would identify as priorities for public health and health IT for the next 2 years? and 5 years?

• When you think about work in health IT policy that would support your efforts over the next 2 and 5 years, what are the gaps? What are the opportunities?

• Are there any areas where things have worked well on a small scale that might provide insight into potential “best practices”?

• Are there areas where ONC might serve as a convener to support further conversation and collaboration with other potential partners?
Questions?

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