

CALIFORNIA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION (CPCA)

CPCA has developed a strategy to ensure community clinics and health centers receive the greatest benefit possible from the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (a component of the federal stimulus package). The HITECH Act has two main pots of funding: Entitlement Funds, which includes \$33 billion in Medicaid/Medicare Payment Incentives for EHRs; and Appropriated Funds, which includes \$2 billion for grants and programs, one of which is HIE planning and development. In order to best position health centers, CPCA must articulate a vision for what health centers need in regards to EHRs and HIE. Thus CPCA proposes to produce two white papers, one on meaningful use and the other on HIE.

- HIE Workgroup (open to all CPCA members)
<http://www.cpc.org/govaffairs/caissues/membersonly/HIT/HealthInformationExchange.cfm>
- EHR Meaningful Use Workgroup (open to all CPCA members)
<http://www.cpc.org/govaffairs/caissues/ElectronicHealthRecords.cfm>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If your clinic wants to apply for Federal Medicaid incentive funding for EHR technology or if your clinic wants to be involved with HIE you should get involved!

WHAT: Clinics need to influence the definition of meaningful use

HOW: Get involved with the CPCA EHR Meaningful Use workgroup and/or the CHHS EHR Loan Fund Workgroup (see other side)

WHAT: Clinics need to influence the strategy for state HIE implementation

HOW: Get involved with the HIE Workgroup and/or the CHHS Regional Extension Center Workgroup (see other side)

CONTACT

CPCA

If you have any questions on the federal or state landscape and Health Information Technology, contact Andie Martinez, Associate Director for Special Populations at amartinez@cpc.org or (916) 440-8170 ext 213.

CHHS

If you have any questions on the state process or workgroups/advisory board, contact hie@chhs.ca.gov or listen-in on the monthly HIE stakeholder calls. Call information can be found at <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/INITIATIVES/HEALTHINFOEX/Pages/Default.aspx>.

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR (ONC) [<http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt>]

National Coordinator for HIT, David Blumenthal

HIT Policy Committee

- Will make recommendations to the National Coordinator for HIT on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information, and the definition of meaningful use.

HIT Standards Committee

- Charged with making recommendations to the National Coordinator for HIT on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information.

CA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY (CHHS) [www.chhs.ca.gov/INITIATIVES/HEALTHINFOEX]

Deputy Secretary of HIT, Jonah Frohlich

HIE Advisory Board (by invitation only)

The State of California is seeking to create a plan that will position California to secure the maximum amount of implementation grant funding for HIE planning and development. The HIE Advisory Board will play an important role in providing advice and counsel to help inform the State's strategies.

HIE Stakeholder Workgroups & Subcommittees (open to all- visit website for more information)

The intent of these workgroups is to coordinate California's stakeholder response to additional elements of the ARRA/HITECH act not covered in the HIE program activities (HIE Advisory Board).

- EHR Loan Fund
 - Subcommittee 1: Capital for practices, clinics and hospitals
 - 2: Capital for HIE Support
 - 3: Return on Investment
- Workforce Training and Development
 - Subcommittee 1: HIT Workforce Training
 - 2: Health Informatics Programs
 - 3: Maximizing Stimulus Funding/Matching Sources
- Research and New Technologies
 - Subcommittee 1: Research/ communication Technology Interface & quality and productivity
 - 2: Governance and Sustainability
 - 3: Inventory of California's Assets
- Regional Extension Centers
 - Subcommittee 1: EHR Purchasing and Financing
 - 2: Provider Quality Improvement and Workflow Redesign
 - 3: Governance and Sustainability