KHIE
KENTUCKY HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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- As of December 10, 2013:

⇒ KHIE has **504** signed participation agreements (representing 1,138 locations)

⇒ A total of **653** provider locations are submitting live data and exchanging information

⇒ 80% of hospitals in KY are live on KHIE

⇒ Over **$140,000,000** has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the EHR Incentive Program

⇒ KHIE is averaging over **47,000** queries per week

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!

Governor Steve Beshear issued an Executive Order in August 2009, establishing the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to oversee the advancement of health information exchange in Kentucky.

KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and allows providers to access the right information at the right time in order to make the right decisions. KHIE also fulfills several objectives for Stages 1 and 2 of the EHR Incentive Program, Meaningful Use. Overall, the KHIE works to fulfill the three-part aim: better care, lower costs, improved public health.

Did You Know?

⇒ KHIE has signed **504 participation agreements** in Kentucky?

⇒ Given the importance of consumer engagement in the state of Kentucky, KHIE has increased its purchase of consumer engagement readiness tool (CeRT) licenses to include **all applicants**! To read more, please see page 2.

⇒ KHIE is now working with the Local Health Departments across the state of Kentucky! To read more, please see page 5.
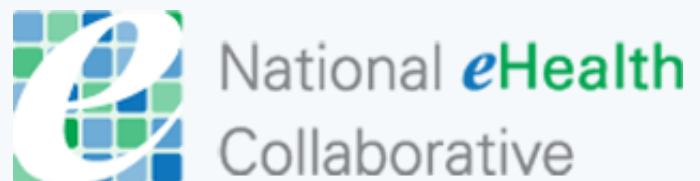
National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC)

As part of our ongoing work to encourage providers to adopt effective consumer engagement strategies, the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) have expanded their rollout of a Consumer Engagement Readiness Tool (CeRT) developed by HealthCAWS and mapped to the National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC) Patient Engagement Framework and Meaningful Use criteria. The NeHC CeRT – powered by HealthCAWS – is a business intelligence tool that includes an extensive survey-based organizational assessment, real time progress reports and a comprehensive resource center and solutions directory.

Consumer engagement--ensuring consumers are informed and playing an active role in their health care —is critical to healthcare reform and the goals of lower costs, improved care and a healthier population. As providers implement health information technology into their healthcare settings and work to meet the criteria set forth by the federal government regarding electronic health records, they will need to demonstrate various ways in which they are working to expand consumers' role in their care.

The Kentucky Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information and KHIE launched an initiative earlier this year to accelerate consumer and patient engagement in eHealth throughout the Commonwealth by purchasing and distributing thirteen individual CeRT licenses to providers in Kentucky. The number of providers that expressed interest in using the CeRT tool as part of this initiative was far more than expected. Given the importance of consumer engagement in the state of Kentucky and the enthusiasm of current CeRT users, KHIE has increased its purchase of CeRT licenses to include all applicants, which will bring the total number of recipients to 45 Kentucky healthcare organizations.   Several unclaimed licenses remain; if your organization is interested in a free one license for this CeRT tool, please contact Mary Gaetz at Mary.Gaetz@ky.gov

National **eHealth** Collaborative

Click here to visit the National eHealth Collaborative website

Privacy and Security: In Focus

Key Points of the Omnibus Rule:

The HITECH Omnibus Rule strengthens Privacy and Security protections by:

⇒ Extending compliance with HIPAA to business associates and their subcontractors

⇒ Establishing new limitations on the use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI) for marketing and fundraising purposes

⇒ Prohibiting the sale of PHI without appropriate authorization

⇒ Expanding individual rights to electronically access one's PHI

⇒ Providing easier access to immunization records by a school

⇒ Removing HIPAA Privacy Rule protections for PHI of an individual deceased f r50+ years

⇒ Finalizing breach notification requirements

⇒ Expanding individuals' rights to obtain restrictions on certain disclosures of PHI to health plans if services are paid for out of pocket

    ∗ *Journal of the American Health Information Manage-*

2013 HIPAA Omnibus Final Rule

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights announced a number of provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, to strengthen the privacy and security protections for health information established under HIPAA.

The recent 2013 Omnibus Final Rule, requires Business Associates Agreements (BAA) to provide the following information:

⇒ Mandatory compliance with the Security Rule obligations for electronic Patient Health Information (PHI);

⇒ Report breaches of unsecured PHI to the covered entity;

⇒ Comply with the Privacy Rule;

⇒ If a business associate subcontracts, enter into a BAA with a subcontractor;

⇒ Draft a new BAA unless grandfathered

Additionally, the Rule provides a new standard for a breach. The new standard is as follows:

⇒ An impermissible acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI is presumed to be a breach unless there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based on a risk assessment.

    ∗ Note: *compromised* is no longer defined and cannot use the old meaning.

Medicaid Topics of the Month

Deadlines:

- Please be aware that the EHR Incentive program submission deadline is approaching for Eligible Hospitals

  ⇒ Attestations for Program Year 2013 must be submitted by 12:00 midnight on 12/31/2013.

  ⇒ An email has been sent to the address submitted upon registration at CMS.

  ⇒ If the appropriate party did not receive the email reminder, please "Modify" the registration at CMS.

- Eligible Professionals have until 12:00 midnight 3/31/2014 to submit attestations for Program Year 2013.

Quick Tips:

- Use the Home Page on the attestation website for announcements, progress of attestation review, Stages of Meaningful Use, and to begin the next attestation period.

- Public Health reporting measures to meet Meaningful Use in any Stage can only be met by having a signed Participation Agreement and the appropriate signed addendum with the KHIE.

Additional Notes:

- Medicaid is working diligently with the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) across the state to resolve any pending issues. Please be mindful that this is a high priority.

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KENTUCKY EHR | INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Click here to visit the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website

The Local Health Departments and the ED
Super Utilizer Initiative

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services has recently begun an initiative named *KY ER SMART*, **S**upportive, **M**ultidisciplinary, **A**lternatives and **R**esponsible **T**reatment, to curtail overutilization of emergency departments across the state.

A core key component of this initiative is the collaboration among key stakeholders, including, KY hospitals, the Local Health Departments (LHDs), the Department for Public Health, Division of Medicaid Services, Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, as well as the Kentucky Health Information Exchange.

The LHDs are currently in the process of selecting an EHR vendor and, in 2014, will have the ability to send patient health information to the KHIE. KHIE will work with the LHD directors to provision their providers with access to KHIE's Community Health Record.

Currently, 20 health department districts have signed participation agreements with KHIE, representing a total of 39 counties. The following districts will participate with KHIE and have access to the Community Health Record: Boyle County, Bracken County, Christian County, Clark County, Cumberland Valley District, Garrard County, Grayson County, Green River District, Greenup County, Jessamine County, Madison County, Martin County, Montgomery County, Muhlenburg County, Northern Kentucky Independent District, Oldham County, Pike County, Purchase District, Three Rivers District and Whitley County.

Ultimately, the goal of this initiative is to develop a community of care network to improve care coordination, reduce inappropriate use of emergency departments, increase awareness about the LHDs, enhance interoperability, and improve the overall health outcomes across the commonwealth.

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Connected Providers

Select a county from the map to find out who is connected.

Contact Us

Are you a healthcare provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? Fill out this form to contact KHIE.

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