The Cabinet for Health and Family Services

THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!

Special Points of Interest

As of February 11 2014:

⇒ KHIE has **601** signed participation agreements (representing 1,253 locations)

⇒ A total of 718 provider locations are submitting live data and exchanging information (see Page 5 for more details)

⇒ 80% of hospitals in KY are live on KHIE

⇒ Over **$158,000,000** has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

⇒ KHIE is averaging over **100,000** queries per week

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 facilitates providers in meeting several objectives of Stages 1 and 2 of the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program. Overall, the KHIE works to fulfill the three-part aim: better care, lower costs, improved public health.

Did You Know?

KHIE is operating as a Health Information Service Provider and has implemented Direct Secure Clinical Messaging to facilitate Transitions of Care for Meaningful Use Stage 2? (see page 4 for more information)

Several providers have signed KHIE's Direct addendum—please contact your Outreach Coordinator if you are interested in this service line!

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE HEALTH IT COORDINATOR
POLLY MULLINS-BENTLEY

Greetings, and happy February from the KY Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information!

It looks like the groundhog saw his shadow yet again and we will be due for another six long weeks of winter! Despite the dreary weather across the state, Kentucky has been making great strides to advance Health Information Technology and to prep for the onset of changes in 2014 and beyond. We at KHIE are gearing up for what will be a year of transformation and innovation. We are thrilled to welcome these changes and to collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations across the Commonwealth.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to peruse the pages of this newsletter for the latest statistics and up-to-date information regarding Meaningful Use and Health IT. Within this issue, you will find the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, "Pointers of the Month" which highlights key ideas within the program, reminders regarding Meaningful Use, important dates, and pertinent contact information. On page 4, you will find KHIE's "Key Considerations for 2014," which points out some of the largest provisions that take effect in 2014, such as the certification of EHR technology, the changes in public health reporting and how KHIE can help facilitate Transitions of Care as a Health Information Service Provider.

Although 2014 presents itself with its share of challenges, we see these hurdles as opportunities for growth, to learn new technologies and systems that will help facilitate better care, improved health management, and enhanced outcomes for the citizens of Kentucky and beyond. We are at the cusp of change and we fully embrace the future of healthcare.

Sincerely,

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KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

POINTERS OF THE MONTH

REMINDERS:

- EPs attesting for Program Year 2013 must submit their attestation prior to 12:00 midnight, March 31, 2014. EPs can attest as a Meaningful User for Program Year 2014, beginning April 1, 2014.

90 DAY PATIENT VOLUME:

- When attesting for line items 6 &7 (Total Medicaid Patients and Total Patients), please use the Patient Volume report that is available on our website and upload the report to the attestation.

- Make sure all calculations are clearly identified (i.e. # of Medicaid Encounters, KCHIP3, uncompensated care, commercial insurance, and self pays). Please note that it is difficult to distinguish these numbers when they are grouped together in some of the reports that have been received. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR FQHCs/RHCs.

MEANINGFUL USE:

- In order for all providers to meet Meaningful Use in any Stage, a signed Participation Agreement along with the appropriate signed addendum must be completed with the KHIE.

- Beginning in 2014, providers can no longer claim and count an exclusion toward their total Menu Objectives to achieve Meaningful Use.

CONTACT US:

- To submit an issue/concern via email, please access the left hand navigation bar on the attestation website and click Send E-mail.

- Please visit the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Website at http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/

KENTUCKY EHR | INCENTIVE PROGRAM

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2014

2014 EHR CERTIFICATION

In order to be eligible for the EHR Incentive Program and attesting to Meaningful Use Stages 1 and 2, all eligible providers and hospitals must have EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria that meets a required base amount of functionality and any other functionality required to meet Meaningful Use.

**Bottom line: Your technology must be certified to the 2014 criteria that you will attest to, and you must ensure that it meets the required objectives for achieving Meaningful Use.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING & KHIE

Because KHIE serves as the public health reporting agency for the Meaningful Use program in the state of Kentucky, providers must successfully submit public health data on an ongoing basis, to the KHIE for all stages of Meaningful Use.

As of January 1, 2014 all eligible providers and hospitals who attest to Stage 1 or Stage 2 must have a signed Participation Agreement on file with the KHIE. Associated addendums must also be on file for each public health objective that you select and attest to. Individual addendums are required for submitting immunization, syndromic surveillance, cancer, and reportable diseases data. You can no longer count menu exclusions toward the minimum of 5 menu objectives on which must be reported if there are other menu objectives that can be selected. If you do not administer immunizations, you must choose another public health objective. Syndromic surveillance is appropriate for hospitals and providers alike.

**Bottom line: Before attesting to public health reporting objectives, there are two criteria that must be met: 1). you must have a signed agreement (and appropriate addendum(s)) on file with KHIE, and 2) you must be either in KHIE's onboarding queue or live on KHIE for the public health objective(s) that you are attesting to. You cannot select a menu objective and claim an exclusion if there are other menu objectives that can be met. Those that do not administer immunizations and hence cannot attest to the immunization core objective will have to onboard for syndromic surveillance. Do not wait until the last minute to connect with KHIE.

TRANSITIONS OF CARE

KHIE is now operating as a health information service provider (HISP) and is offering services for Direct Secure Clinical Messaging. To meet the transitions of care objective for Stage 2 Meaningful Use, your EHR must have the capability to generate a summary of care record (CCDA) and send it electronically to 10% of transitions or referrals of care. Utilizing KHIE's HISP will facilitate meeting this objective. KHIE is also offering web portal that will enable eligible providers and hospitals to communicate and share summary of care records securely with referral partners that do not have an EHR. Contact your vendor to discuss whether or not they will serve as your HISP. If you plan to use KHIE as your HISP, you will need to sign a Direct Services addendum and go through KHIE's onboarding process for Direct services.

**Bottom line: Steps to be taken now include:

1) Contact your vendor to determine whether you will need KHIE's HISP service. If you will need to use KHIE's HISP, contact your outreach coordinator to receive the Direct addendum and start the onboarding process.

2) Begin gathering a strategic referral pattern to meet your 10% threshold. KHIE strongly urges providers to focus on identifying the fewest number of referral partners that are needed to achieve this objective. For each referral partner on your list, contact them to notify them of your timeline and your need for them to be able to receive Direct secure messages. If one or more partners in your referral list do not have an EHR, refer them to the KHIE outreach coordinator in their area to begin the onboarding process for the Direct web portal.

Achieving this objective requires significant effort and coordination among your referral partners, your EHR vendor, and KHIE. Do not wait until the last minute to connect with KHIE. *For specific Meaningful Use guidance, please contact your local Regional Extension Centers.*
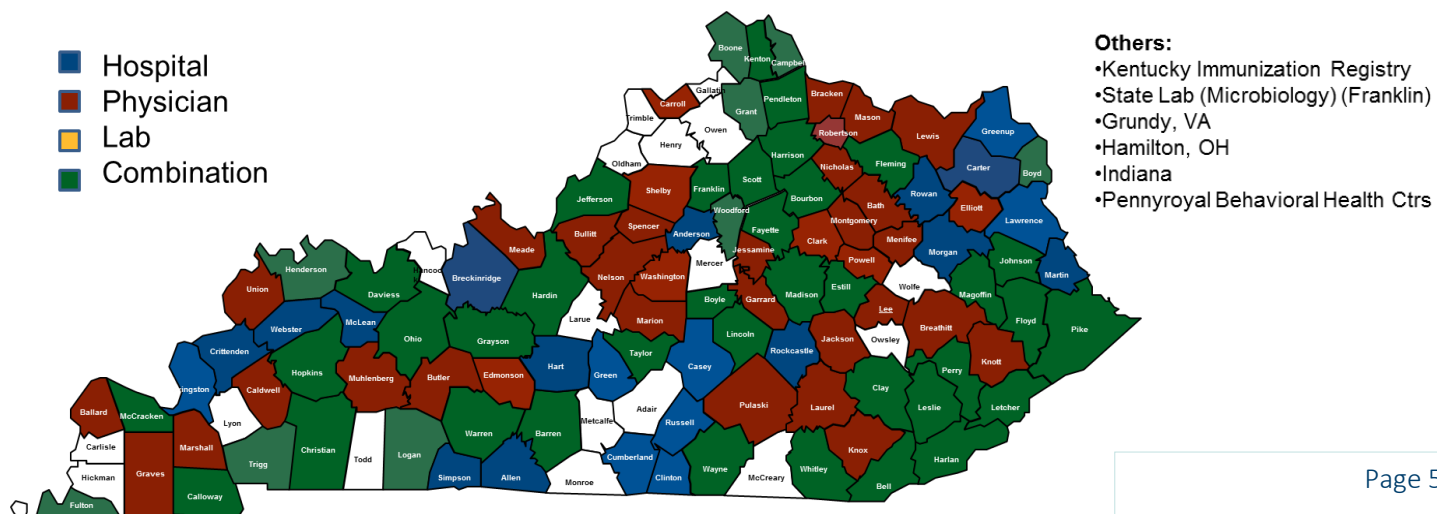
NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 717 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE's footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below.

NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Facility Name	County
Amin's Family Medical Center	Jefferson
Amin's Family Medical Center - Dixie	Jefferson
Amin's Family Medical Center - Preston	Jefferson
CCMH Corporation AN/ Carroll County Memorial Hospital	Carroll
Division of Community Corrections - Lexington	Fayette
Family Healthcare Associates of Kentucky, INC - Corbin	Whitley
Family Healthcare Associates of Kentucky, INC - Pulaski	Pulaski
Family Healthcare Associates of Kentucky, INC - Williamsburg	Whitley
First Choice OB/GYN PLLC	Barren
KDMC Family Care Center	Floyd
KDMC Grayson Urgent Care Center	Carter
King's Daughters Medical Specialties - OBGYN	Boyd
Kings Daughters Medical Specialties - Surgery	Boyd
Lancaster Primary Care	Garrard
Ohio County Hospital	Ohio
Park Duvalle - Taylorsville	Spencer
Park Duvalle at City View	Jefferson
Park Duvalle at Newburg	Jefferson
Park Duvalle Community Health Center	Jefferson
Turnbo, James Kyle MD PSC	McCracken
UK Good Samaritan Hospital	Fayette
Wilkes Clinic - GLK Enterprises LLC	Edmonson
Lexington Clinics	37 additional locations
Summit Medical Group dba St. Elizabeth Physicians	100 locations

Legend:
- Hospital
- Physician
- Lab
- Combination

Others:
- Kentucky Immunization Registry
- State Lab (Microbiology) (Franklin)
- Grundy, VA
- Hamilton, OH
- Indiana
- Pennyroyal Behavioral Health Ctrs

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