THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange

Special Points of Interest

As of June 16, 2014:

⇒ KHIE has 571 signed participation agreements (representing 2,084 locations)

⇒ A total of 829 provider locations are submitting live data and exchanging information (see Page 4 for more details)

⇒ 83% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE

⇒ Over $168, 000,000 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Over $153,000,000 has been paid to Medicare hospitals in KY through the EHR Incentive Program

⇒ KHIE is averaging over 100,000 queries per week

Did You Know?

KHIE is hosting a weekly Transitions of Care Community of Practice Call on Thursdays at 11:00ET? To join the conversation please contact Sue Anderson-Lenz at sue.anderson-lenz@ky.gov

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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.

Inside this issue:

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

Greetings from the KY Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information! I want to spend a little time this month discussing the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) published on May 23, 2014 by the CMS. I would also like to encourage and strongly urge all providers across the state to comment on the NPRM by providing suggestions and recommendations for CMS. KHIE, in collaboration with key stakeholders across the state, including the regional extension centers, the QIO (Health Care Excel), and the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive team, are convening to organize comments and propose recommendations for the NPRM, while outlining the chief issues. Although the NPRM was published with great interest, I would like to emphasize the uncertainty around the NPRM. I advise all of the providers across the state to continue moving forward with their Meaningful Use goals and attestation deadlines. I have outlined some salient points regarding the NPRM in the following paragraphs. If the NPRM is finalized, the proposal would allow providers to meet Stage 1 or Stage 2 Meaningful Use with EHRs certified to the 2011 or 2014 Edition criteria or a combination of both Editions. Beginning in 2015, all eligible providers would be required to report using 2014 Edition CEHRT.

2014 Participation Options

If finalized, the proposal will provide participation options that vary by a provider's stage of MU and their CEHRT Edition selection.

2011 CEHRT

Providers in Stage 1 or 2: 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

Providers in Stage 1: 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Providers in Stage 2: 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs

2014 CEHRT

Providers in Stage 1: 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Providers in Stage 2: 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs.

Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade (AIU) and 2015

2014 AIU attestations must use 2014 edition CEHRT. Providers scheduled to begin Stage 2 that meet Stage 1 criteria in 2014 are required to begin Stage 2 in 2015. In 2015, all providers are required to have 2014 CEHRT. All providers except those in their 1st year are required to attest to a full year of MU reporting.

The proposed rule also includes a provision that would formalize CMS and ONC's recommended timeline to extend Stage 2 through 2016. If finalized, the earliest a provider would participate in Stage 3 of MU would be 2017. Again, I encourage all to publically comment on the NPRM and participate in the national discussion around Meaningful Use. For more information please visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and contact your local regional extension center for MU guidance. Comments must be received by **July 21, 2014** to be considered.

Sincerely,

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS:

CMS released a white paper that outlines state requirements and mandates EPs, EHs and CAHs to continue the submission of Meaningful Use data post-EHR incentive payments. This mandate will require that states accept attestations beyond the completion of the EHR payment eligibility and providers must demonstrate the ongoing practice of Meaningful Use to avoid the 2% sequestration scheduled to begin in 2015. In addition, the states will also be required to submit a report to CMS confirming those providers that are or are not continuing to demonstrate the ongoing practice of Meaningful Use. This report will assist CMS in collecting the State Medicaid EPs, EHs and CAHs Meaningful Use information in order to avoid payment adjustments for Medicaid EPs, EHs and CAHs who bill Medicare services. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

PROVIDER STATUS FLOW:

The State Level Registry (SLR) home screen provides valuable information regarding the EHR Incentive Program (i.e. status of attestation within the review process, announcements, etc.).   The status of the attestation correlates with the Provider Status Flow Diagram found at the bottom of the attestation home page. To remain informed about the EHR Incentive Program, please refer to the information found in the SLR home screen. Table 1-1 provides payment status codes and corresponding description codes.

REMINDERS:

Eligible providers should review the 2014 Meaningful Use Guidance for Stage 1 and Stage 2 prior to attesting in order to better prepare for the attestation process. These documents are located at http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm under the heading *Publications*.

- All EPs, EHs and CAHs must have a signed Participation Agreement as well as applicable addendums on file with KHIE prior to attestation submission. Please refer to the Meaningful Use Guidance documents for additional information.

- Please stay on course with submitting attestations and working towards Meaningful Use requirements. This will help to avoid delays in processing your attestation, as well as avoiding any Medicare penalties!

Check our website as well as CMS's attestation home page often for important and up-to-date information.

CONTACT:

- There are several methods to contact us. On the left-hand navigation menu on the attestation website you can select to submit an issue/concern or you can click the Send E-mail function.

- Please visit the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Website at http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm for information and educational resources.

Table 1-1. Payment Status

Payment Status Desc	Description
Pre-Check_inProcess	In preliminary review queue
Pre-Check_Completed	Preliminary Completed-If it is rejected it will show ineligible
Attest_inProcess	Provider is completing attestation
Attest_Completed	Attestation submitted to state for review
DMSCheck_inProcess	Attestation in the EHR, eligibility, and/or volume review
DMSCheck_Completed	All review queue checks have been completed
NLRDup-Check_inProcess	Verifying with CMS no other state is paying the provider
NLRDup-Check_Completed	Response received from CMS
MMISPayment_inProcess	In payment queue
MMISPayment_Completed	Payment process completed
Paid	
Ineligible	State level rejection
Ineligible-CMS	National level rejection

NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 829 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 JUNE

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Community Family Clinic PLLC
- Covington, Henry C. MD, PLLC
- Freeman Family Practice, LLC
- Kentuckiana Allergy, PSC
- Ohio County Hospital Corp.
- Paintsville Hospital Company LLC
- St. Elizabeth Medical Center
- Stallworth Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, PLLC

Others:
- Kentucky Immunization Registry
- State Lab (Microbiology) (Franklin)
- Grundy, VA
- Hamilton, OH
- Indiana
- Pennyroyal Behavioral Health Centers
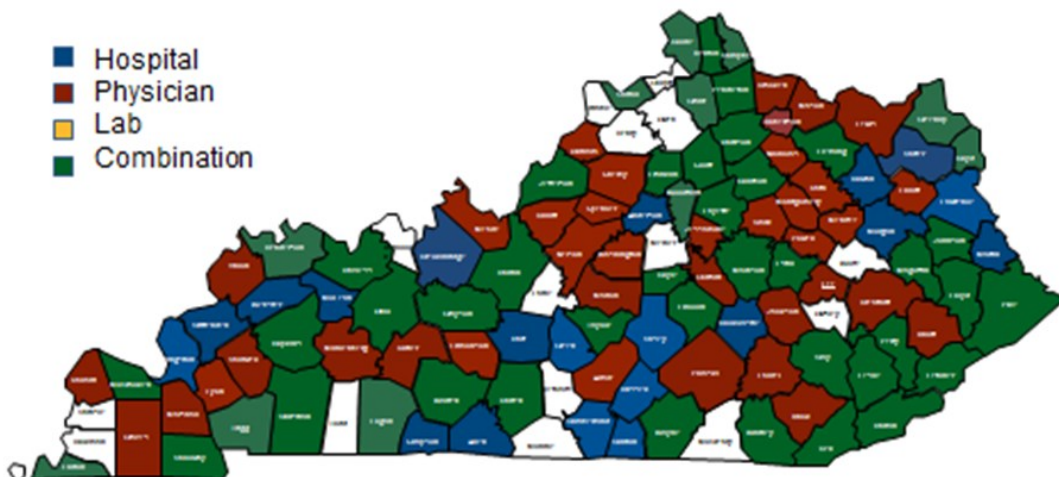
VIRTUAL HEALTH RECORD (VHR) TRAINING

KHIE'S Community Record, the Virtual Health Record (VHR), is a comprehensive electronic health record that is available using a secure browser. KHIE's Outreach team have the following VHR training scheduled for the month of June :

- Highland's Regional Medical Center

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VHR DEMO

KHIE is working diligently to provide the LHDs with access to the KHIE community portal. The following local health departments have completed VHR demos:

- Ashland-Boyd County
- Barren River District
- Floyd County
- Green River District
- Gateway District
- Greenup County
- Hopkins County
- Kentucky River District
- Lawrence County
- Lexington-Fayette County
- Louisville Metro
- Northern Kentucky Independent District
- Pike County
- Purchase District
- WEDCO District

Hospital
Physician
Lab
Combination

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New Meaningful Use Timeline

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Dear Valued Client, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of Nati...

2013 eHealth Summit

The 2013 eHealth Summit was held Sept. 17, 2013 at the Sloan Convention Center, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY. Read all about it.

KHIE History

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Connected Providers

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

Contact Us

Are you a health care 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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