

## **Session 2: Health Information Technology Meaning Use**

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### **PLEASE NOTE**

- Information about incentives and measures is preliminary, based on CMS proposed rule dated 1/13/2010
- Final rule is expected in May–June 2010

Meaningful Use Goals:

To Improve Quality, safety, efficiency and reduce disparities: use computerized provider order entry

To engage patients and families in their health care: provide patients with electronic copy of their health information

- Meaningful Use occurs in three stages, with Stage 1 starting in 2011
  - New rules will be published in 2013 and 2015 (Stages 2 and 3) – each stage will be more comprehensive
- Focus areas for each stage
  - Stage 1 starting 2011: Data capture and sharing
  - Stage 2 starting 2013: Advanced clinical processes\*
  - Stage 3 starting 2015: Improved outcomes\*

\* Requirements for Stages 2 and 3 will be defined in future CMS rulemaking.

The earlier you start the more time you have to implement the systems.

Certification and Meaningful use is not the same thing. Certification is what the E.H.R can do-responsibility of OIT

Meaningful use is how the E.H.R is used-responsibility of providers and facilities

Overview of CMS incentive Programs:

Both Medicare and Medicaid will provide financial incentives for meeting meaningful use.

The Medicare incentives start in 2011 to 2015

Medicaid will impose penalties beginning in 2015 if the timeline is not met.

1<sup>st</sup> year of Medicaid incentives: only require adopting, implementing or upgrading to a certified E.H.R technology and does not require the achievement of meaningful use. All other years require demonstration of meaningful use.

Providers need to ready by Jan 1 2011  
Hospitals need to be ready by Oct 1 2010

Providers may qualify for Medicare or Medicaid incentives not both, providers may make a onetime change prior to 2015.

Subsection D/ Acute care hospitals may qualify for both incentives programs  
Critical access hospitals only qualify for the Medicare incentive program.

Next Step: OIT

Complete identification of gaps in RPMS and continue adding the needed functions

Collaborate with the areas and the improving patient care IPC team to work with the sites to ensure we all meet meaningful use:

OIT will use ARRA funds to hire MU Area coordinators and IPC/business process improvement coordinators

Form a national MU/IPC team that will consist of rep. from the following groups to inform and guide the effort.

What sites need to do now:

- Complete identification of gaps in RPMS and continue adding the needed functionality
- Collaborate with the Areas and the Improving Patient Care (IPC) Team to work with the sites to ensure we all meet Meaningful Use
- OIT will use ARRA funds to hire MU Area Coordinators and IPC/Business Process Improvement Coordinators
- Form a National MU/IPC Team that will consist of representatives from the following groups to inform and guide the effort
- OIT Meaningful Use Team, IPC sites, Areas, and the National IPC Team
- After the CMS final rule is released, identify all changes to Meaningful Use requirements and communicate the changes to I/T/U facilities and leadership and identify any changes needed to RPMS
- Continue outreach
- Plan for collaboration with the newly awarded Regional Extension Center to the National Indian Health Board
- Attend OIT Meaningful Use training sessions
- Read the CMS requirements in the proposed rule and final rule, once it is released
- Understand what is needed to achieve Meaningful Use (i.e. the performance measures)
- Identify MU Coordinator and Team Members
- Assess incentive program eligibility
- If you have the RPMS EHR, ensure you have a full implementation of it, including all inpatient units

- Start the process now to get the RPMS EHR, if you do not have it already

Contact Information:

- **IHS Meaningful Use Website**

[http://www.ihs.gov/recovery/index.cfm?module=dsp\\_arra\\_meaningful\\_use](http://www.ihs.gov/recovery/index.cfm?module=dsp_arra_meaningful_use)

- **Sign up for the Meaningful Use listserv (see instructions at the top of the Meaningful Use website)**

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