Washington Health Information Technology Updates

Washington Link4Health — **eHR Incentive Program**

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Need EHR help? Please contact our team at: HealthIT@hca.wa.gov

Website: HealthIT.wa.gov

Security or log in issues with ProviderOne? Please contact: ProviderOneSecurity@hca.wa.gov for assistance with your P1 password or when you have a change in staff resulting in a new System Administrator for your office.

Message from the Health IT Coordinator:

As the Health Care Authority launches the Link4Health Clinical Data Repository Service to expand Washington's ability to collect, share and use health information from provider Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems, it is important that we come to a shared interpretation of what is allowable and legally defensible under state and federal privacy laws. Protecting the privacy of our consumers in full compliance with the state and federal laws is a foundational element to the adoption and robust health information exchange needed.

In response to a request from stakeholders for a unified state voice and formal AG opinion, the Health Care Authority is launching an interagency work group to ensure there is a shared interpretation of what is legally defensible under state and federal law as it relates to health information exchange. The full scope of this effort will include health information needed for treatment and operations allowable under and in compliance with HIPAA, CFR 42.2 and Washington's Uniform Health Care Information Act.

These efforts are led by HCA's new Data Privacy and Security Manager, Karen Jensen. In this role, Karen serves as a bridge between information technology and policy with respect to how health information is stored, shared and configured, while also recognizing the increasing importance of digital privacy in the work we do.

Beginning with HIPAA and Washington's Uniform Health Care Information Act, HCA will document the shared interpretation among agencies, obtain a formal AG Opinion, and communicate the opinion with stakeholders and health care delivery systems. This work will begin later this summer. In a future effort, the same process will be applied to CFR 42.2 for substance abuse treatment records.

We look forward to completing this work and sharing the results with you in coming months. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to learn about the Link4Health Clinical Data Repository and want more information, I urge you to watch the recorded webinar now online at healthit.wa.gov.

Melodie

What's Happening in Electronic Health Records (EHR)

As you should know by now, CMS and The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) released three proposed rules for the Electronic Health Record program this year. The Washington State Health Care Authority has reviewed all three rules and, though the comment period has closed, we are making preparations for attestation system (eMIPP) updates to accommodate

the final rules when they are published in early fall (we hope).

In the meantime, eMIPP is available for program year 2015 attestations under the existing rules. This applies if you are attesting to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade (AIU) or Stage 1, Year 1. Those attestations only require a 90 day reporting period under existing and proposed rules. We have Eligibility Coordinators (email: healthit@hca.wa.gov) to assist you in the process from beginning to end 5 days a week. We also have white papers and user guides available on our website at HealthIT.wa.gov under Library and Training Resources, Electronic Health Records Library.

You may also email us if you have questions about the program or suggestions about resources. We are committed to helping all eligible providers and hospitals in navigating the program for successful attestations.

EHR Incentive Payments in WA State:

Hospitals:

Paid for Year **1** (unique Hosp.)	=	88	($ 63,781,127.00)
Paid for Year **2**	=	74	($ 33,702,611.00)
Paid for Year **3**	=	51	($ 20,117,381.00)
Paid for Year **4**	=	25	($ 7,832,668.00)

EP's:

Paid for Year **1** (unique EPs)	=	5,481	($115,777,112.00)
Paid for Year **2**	=	2,388	($ 20,176,181.00)
Paid for Year **3**	=	1,204	($ 10,219,835.00)
Paid for Year **4**	=	295	($ 2,504,667.00)

GRAND TOTAL PAID	**=**	**$274,196,582.00**

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