

Kansas HIT – ARRA Incentives & Regional Extension Center (REC) Program

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KFMC Background

As a non-profit organization, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC) was incorporated in 1972. Serving Kansas for over 37 years, we have performed multiple contracted services for the federal and state government with focus on our mission – to Facilitate the Improvement of Healthcare.

Some of our contracts include:

- Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)
- External Quality Review Organization (EQRO)
- Case Review – Medicare beneficiary protection & Medicaid utilization review

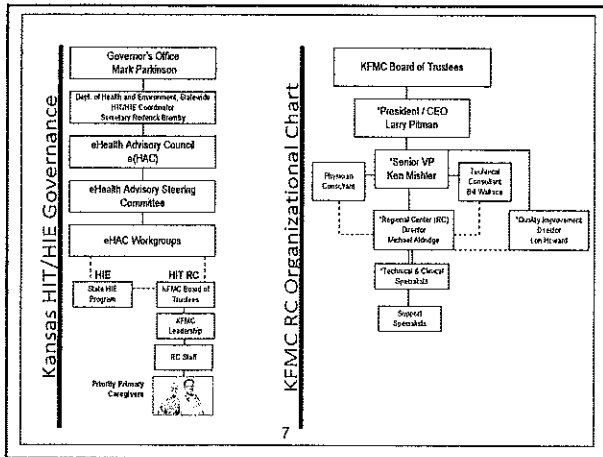


American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law February 17, 2009. This Act includes significant funding for Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Health Information Technology (HIT) activities. Two areas resulting from this Act will be covered today:



- Payment Incentives (and penalties)
- Regional Extension Centers (RECs)





KPMC REC Mission

Accelerate the adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology among Kansas providers, working with at least 1,200 providers in the first two years of the program.




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Priority Primary Care Providers

For purposes of the REC cooperative agreements, a "primary-care provider" is any MD or DO, any ARNP, Nurse mid-wife, or PA with prescriptive privileges in the locality where s/he actively practices in one of the following specialties: family, internal, pediatric, or obstetrics and gynecology.

Priority primary care providers function in the following settings:

- Individual and small group practices (ten or fewer professionals with prescriptive privileges) primarily focused on primary care;
- Public and Critical Access Hospitals;
- Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics; and
- Other settings that predominantly serve uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved populations


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REC Services

- Education and Outreach
- Participate in National Learning Consortium
- Vendor Selection and Group Purchasing Plans
- EHR Implementation and Project Management
- Workflow Redesign
- Functional Interoperability and Health Information Exchange
- Privacy and Security Practices
- Progress Towards Meaningful Use



REC Services (continued)

- **Education and Outreach:** Disseminate knowledge about the effective strategies and practices to select, implement, and meaningfully use certified EHR technology to improve quality and value of healthcare
- **National Learning Consortium:** Participate in the National Learning Consortium facilitated by the HITREC and share tools and materials developed through the cooperative agreement with other Regional Centers, interested stakeholders, and the public.
- **Vendor Selection & Group Purchasing:** Help providers select the highest-value option -- the option that offers the greatest opportunity to achieve and maintain meaningful use of EHRs and improved quality of care at the most favorable cost of ownership and operation, including both the initial acquisition of the technology, cost of implementation, and ongoing maintenance and predictable needed upgrades over time.



REC Services (continued)

- **Local Workforce Support :** Partner with local resources, such as community colleges, to promote integration of health IT into the initial and ongoing training of health professionals and supporting staff.
- **Implementation and Project Management:** Support end-to-end project management over the entire EHR implementation process, including individualized and on-site coaching, consultation, troubleshooting.
- **Practice and Workflow Redesign:** Support for practice and workflow redesign necessary to achieve meaningful use of EHRs
- **Functional Interoperability and Health Information Exchange:** Assist priority primary-care providers in connecting to available health information exchange infrastructure(s).



REC Services (continued)

- **Privacy and Security Best Practices:** Support providers in implementing best practices in the privacy and security of personal health information.
- **Progress Towards Meaningful Use:** Participate in program training and be able to provide their clients effective assistance in attaining meaningful use.



The Ultimate Measure

The **ultimate measure** of a Regional Center's effectiveness will be whether it has assisted providers in becoming meaningful users of certified EHR technology.



Meaningful Use Priorities

- Improve quality, safety, efficiency, and reduce health disparities
- Engage patients & families in their health care
- Improve care coordination
- Improve population and public health
- Ensure adequate privacy & security protections for personal health information



Meaningful Use Examples

- Use Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)
- Implement drug-drug, drug-allergy, drug-formulary checks
- Record demographics (including ethnicity)
- Perform medication reconciliation
- Report quality measures



REC Expansion Work

- At the end of March, ONC offered an expansion of the REC work to include Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), Rural Hospitals (RHs), and affiliated providers.



Regional Expansion Work

Kansas Healthcare Provider Facts



- 1,926 Priority Primary Care Providers
- 140 Hospitals
 - 83 Critical Access (CAH)-the largest # of any state
 - 57 Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- 12 Rural Hospitals (RHs)
- 179 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)



Regional Expansion Work

Regional Focus Sessions



- Group Purchasing Options (GPO)
 - this session will focus on CAH/RH preferred vendors as well as the on-line tools that will be made available to our participants that will help them manage procurement through our GPA. While our GPA has not yet been chosen, KFMC intends to leverage the same organization for the inpatient and the outpatient settings.


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Regional Expansion Work

Regional Focus Sessions



- Readiness Assessment
 - this session will focus on didactic and hands on experience to teach the participants how to conduct a HIT/EHR readiness assessment within their facility. A template will be provided to assist providers in conducting the assessment within their facility.


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Regional Expansion Work

Regional Focus Sessions

- Workflow Analysis
 - in this session, KFMC intends to offer sample workflow templates that are hospital setting specific and provide guidance on techniques for analyzing completed workflow maps and enhancing the organization's current workflow.


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