



CalHIPSO Assists 6,000th Clinician to Achieve Meaningful Use
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February 6, 2015 - The California Health Information Partnership and Services Organization (CalHIPSO), the largest federally-designated regional extension center (REC) in the country, today announced that they have helped more than 6,000 clinicians to achieve meaningful use. Cumulatively, CalHIPSO-affiliated providers have brought more than \$170 million in federal dollars into California.

The announcement was made today by CalHIPSO Interim CEO David Ford, who noted that CalHIPSO has now achieved 97% of its original goal, established under the ARRA federal stimulus program operated by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). CalHIPSO is funded to support 6,187 providers throughout California adopt EHRs and achieve MU.

Addressing this milestone, Ford stated: “What makes this achievement so meaningful to us is that we intentionally sought out the hard-to-reach providers – solo and small practice physicians, community clinics, and public hospitals. These providers face the largest hurdles in achieving meaningful use, but they are essential to California’s vulnerable patients.”

Ford continued: “The clinicians we serve did not just buy computers; to achieve meaningful use they had to make a real commitment to change the way they practice. EHR adoption undergirds the future of health reform.”

Lisa Folberg, CalHIPSO’s board chair and President and CEO of the California Medical Association Foundation, put CalHIPSO’s success in the larger context: “Moving clinicians into a digital world through the adoption of EHRs is an important first step in the long journey toward health care delivery reform.”

CalHIPSO was recently granted a four-month no-cost extension by the ONC, taking the program through June of this year. With that extra time, CalHIPSO fully expects to achieve 100% of its program goal.

About CalHIPSO: CalHIPSO was founded by the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), the California Medical Association (CMA) and the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH). As the largest of 62 federally designated Regional Extension Centers (REC), serving 56 of California’s 58 counties, CalHIPSO helps providers in California navigate the complicated world of electronic health record adoption.

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