



Who We Are

The California Health Information Partnership & Services Organization (CalHIPSO) was formed through a partnership among three of California’s largest health care provider organizations – The California Medical Association (CMA), the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), and the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH). CalHIPSO’s primary objective is to enable safety net providers, including small and solo practice physicians and community clinics, to use health information technology to improve their practices and participate in payment reform. CalHIPSO is the largest of the 62 federally-designated Regional Extension Centers (RECs), which were created through the 2009 Stimulus Act to provide technical assistance to help providers implement EHRs and to achieve Meaningful Use of those systems.

Our Accomplishments

As of October 2015, CalHIPSO has helped more than 8,500 physicians to adopt an EHR, and more than 6,200 to achieve Stage 1 of Meaningful Use. In both areas, CalHIPSO has exceeded its original goal set through the REC program. *To date, CalHIPSO-affiliated providers have received almost \$200 million in EHR incentive payments.*

First Among the Top 5 Federally-Designated RECs

Listed by Number of Providers Who Have Achieved Meaningful Use

REC Name	Providers
CalHIPSO ¹	6,302
Ohio Health Information Partnership	6,027
New Jersey HIT Extension Center	4,987
New York eHealth Collaborative	4,287
New York City REACH	4,207

CalHIPSO has also been named as one of four contractors for the Department of Health Care Services’ California Technical Assistance Program (CTAP). This program focuses on providers whose practices are at least 30 percent Medi-Cal patients. CalHIPSO received an award of more than \$15 million to provide services to about 3,000 providers in 53 of California’s 58 counties over the next three years.

Local Extension Centers (LECs) & Service Partners

From the beginning, CalHIPSO’s model has focused on developing local infrastructure through Local Extension Centers (LECs). The LECs provide hands-on, day-to-day support and technical assistance to CalHIPSO’s affiliated providers across the state. These partnerships allow CalHIPSO to service extensive and diverse geographic regions, centralize administration, and provide comprehensive resources at the local level. Across the federal and state-level programs, CalHIPSO’s network of LECs has included two designated Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs, Health Services Advisory Group and Lumetra), county medical societies and their affiliates (Inland Empire EHR Resource Center and the San Diego County Medical Association Foundation), clinic consortia, and Health Information Technology experts (Vigilance Health).

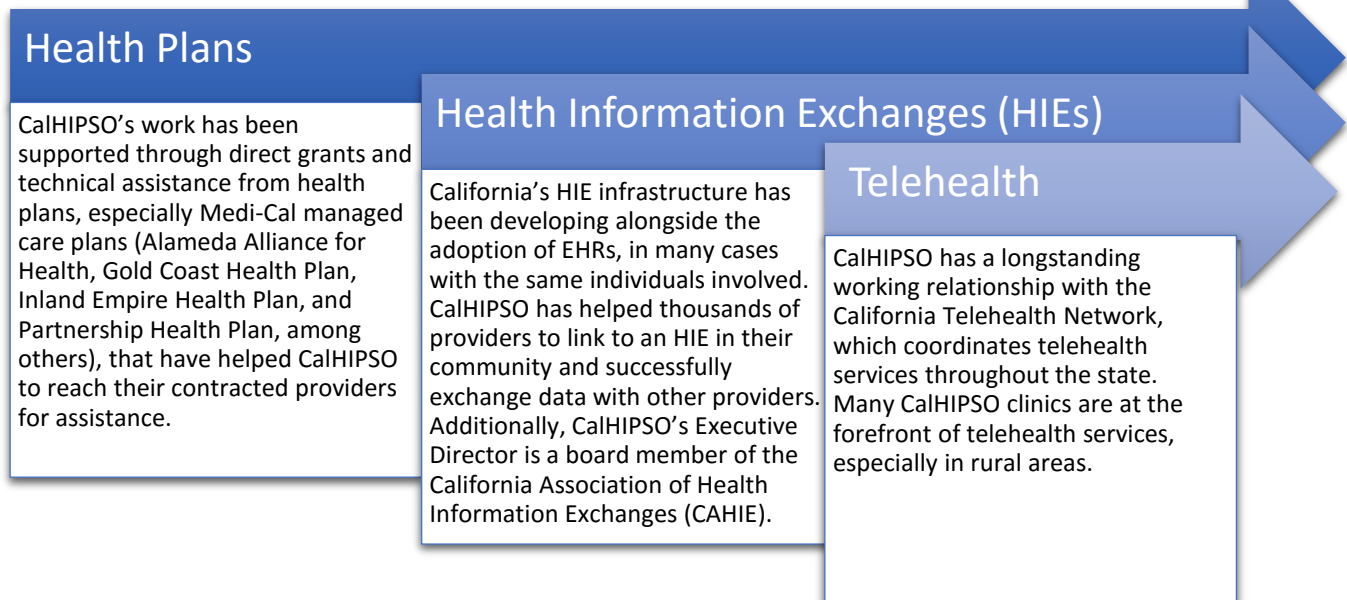
¹ CalHIPSO received two federal REC awards – one for Northern California and one for Southern California. The number in this chart reflects the total of both awards. Numbers published by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT will often reflect the two awards separately.

Local Extension Center	Region	Program
California Planned Parenthood Education Fund	Statewide	REC
California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)	Tribal Lands	CTAP
Central Valley Collaborative (CVC)	Central Valley	CTAP, REC
Community Clinics Health Network (CCHN)	San Diego	CTAP, REC
Community Health Center Network (CHCN)	Alameda/Contra Costa	CTAP, REC
Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)	Rural Areas	REC
Inland Empire EHR Resource Center	Inland Empire	REC
Lumetra Healthcare Solutions	Bay Area, Northern CA	CTAP, REC
Redwood Community Health Network	Marin, Napa, Sonoma, and Yolo Counties	CTAP, REC
Safety Net Institute	Statewide	REC
San Diego County Medical Society Foundation	San Diego	CTAP, REC
Vigilance Health	Central Coast, Central Valley, Northern CA	CTAP, REC

In addition to the LECs, CalHIPSO also developed an extensive network of service partners who have provided support and services to providers during the federal REC program. These partners include medical groups, independent practice associations (IPAs), hospitals, and HIT consultants. Service Partners may provide complete EHR implementations, or more specialized services such as privacy and security assistance.

Strategic Partnerships

CalHIPSO has also developed strategic partnerships with Health IT-related entities throughout California. Our key partners include:



CalHIPSO's Vision for the Future

For the next three years CalHIPSO will work to help more than 3,000 providers achieve all stages of Meaningful Use and demonstrate robust information exchange. CalHIPSO, however, remains committed to the concept that EHRs are a means to a much greater goal: delivery system reform. In the weeks and months ahead, CalHIPSO will collaborate with nationally-recognized provider payment reform experts to build systems that will allow safety net providers to seize the opportunities available under health care reform and better serve their communities.