



CalHIPSO Awarded Technical Assistance Contract with DHCS

New CMS and State funded program to help bring more than 3,000 California Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program Eligible Professionals through Meaningful Use Stage 2

September 4, 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 are launching a new California Technical Assistance Program as one of four contractors to the California Department of Health's Office of Health Information Technology.

The announcement was made today by CalHIPSO Interim CEO David Ford, who noted that CalHIPSO is well poised to continue its EHR technical assistance to those eligible professionals participating in or those who are new to the Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program. CalHIPSO was established under the ARRA federal stimulus program operated by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). Between 2011 and 2015, CalHIPSO was funded to support 6,187 providers throughout California adopt EHRs and achieve MU. Having achieved 100% of its original goal in May 2015, CalHIPSO is thrilled to continue its work, assisting safety net providers through the challenges of Stage 2 of the EHR Incentive Program.

Addressing this new program, referred to as "CTAP", standing for the California Technical Assistance Program, Ford stated: "What makes this new funding award exciting to us is that we can continue to assist the hard-to-reach providers – solo and small practice physicians, community clinics, and public hospitals. And we can now broaden our provider base to include specialists! With Medi-Cal expansion well under way, the providers that CalHIPSO can assist under CTAP will be able to overcome barriers in achieving meaningful use while not losing critical clinical work time navigating the complexities of that which is Meaningful Use, we can do that for them."

About CalHIPSO: CalHIPSO was founded in 2010 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), CalHIPSO helped providers in California navigate the complicated world of electronic health record adoption.

Under DHCS, CalHIPSO's CTAP award covers nearly all counties in the state. CalHIPSO operates via a network of Local Extension Centers ("LEC") so as to deliver services that are within your medical neighborhood, collectively referred to as CalHIPSO. See our website www.calhipso.org or send an email to info@calhipso.org for enrollment information.