



The EHR Adoption Program

To many healthcare providers, the thought of transferring from a paper-based records system to an electronic one is daunting. If you have already implemented an EHR, it can be confusing to figure out what it takes to achieve Meaningful Use and to receive the available incentive payments.

Mission and purpose

The goal of the EHR Adoption Program is to assist 1,000 eligible Rhode Island primary care providers, with or without an existing EHR, with achieving Meaningful Use.

The program is funded—for a limited time—by a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services. Rhode Island healthcare providers are in a prime position to receive federal EHR incentive payments—and additional RI REC subsidies. RI REC offers eligible providers tools, services, and resources for the use of health information technology. Relationship managers provide support and assistance, and RI REC's Vendor Marketplace provides an unbiased, structured way to compare products and services.

Eligibility

Enrollment in the EHR Adoption Program is **free** for eligible providers with or without an EHR. Eligible providers are physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who

- Specialize in Family Medicine, General Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine or Geriatrics, and
- Practice in a location with 10 or fewer providers, community health centers, clinics of public hospitals, or a setting that cares primarily for underserved populations.

Benefits

- Subsidy of up to \$2,500 per provider (up to 10 at one site) based on milestone achievements
- Individualized assistance with meeting Meaningful Use criteria and specialized tools to determine how best to qualify for the maximum federal EHR incentive payments
- Access to RI REC's Vendor Marketplace—a group of pre-qualified EHR software vendors, technical service consultants, and Health Information Service Providers (HISPs) for Direct Messaging
- Pre-negotiated discounts and standardized contracts from pre-qualified health IT vendors
- Assessment of your EHR's interoperability to participate in RI's health information exchange (HIE)
- Educational materials, programs, and health IT events

Enroll now!

Visit www.DocEHRTalk.org and click the red "Join Now" button. After joining the RI Regional Extension Center, eligible providers automatically will be taken to the program's Enrollment Form. (See the reverse side of this page for additional information.)

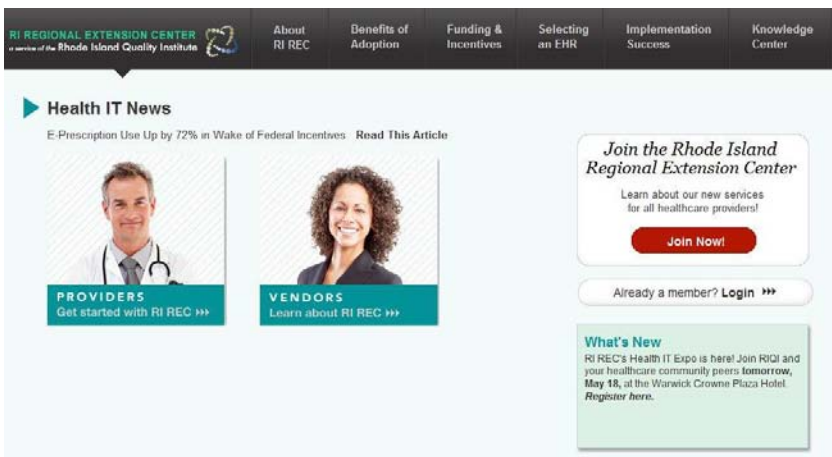
Questions?

Call RI REC Member Services at **888-858-4815, option 4**, or email RIREC@riqi.org.

Instructions for Joining the RI Regional Extension Center and Enrolling in the EHR Adoption Program

All members of the Rhode Island healthcare community are welcome to join the RI Regional Extension Center—it's free and easy to do. If you meet the criteria for an “eligible primary care provider,” you may also enroll in the EHR Adoption Program.

Step 1 – Join the RI Regional Extension Center



Visit www.DocEHRTalk.org and click the red “Join now” button on the home page. You will be asked to create a user name and password. Complete and submit the online membership form.

You will be added to the mailing list for our e-newsletter and invitations to educational programs and events. You may also take advantage of other RI REC services, including the discounted products and services available in our Vendor Marketplace.

Step 2 – Determine your eligibility for the EHR Adoption Program

Enrollment in RI REC's EHR Adoption Program is free for **eligible primary care providers**. (See the reverse side of this page for the eligibility criteria.) If you're eligible, when you complete the membership form in Step 1, you will be directed to a page where one option will ask if you're ready to enroll—select that option.

Step 3 – Start the REC enrollment process

The enrollment process takes 10 to 20 minutes. There are “Save” buttons throughout the form to allow you to save your entered information and come back later to finish.

The form consists of sections that require entering basic information about your practice, as well as the following:

- Your Practice Tax ID number
- Information about the individual providers in your practice
- The National Provider Identifier (NPI) for your organization and for the individual providers
- Your practice payer mix and practice volumes
- Your practice's estimated timeline for EHR adoption, ie, when you plan to acquire an EHR (if you do not already have one), to implement an EHR, and to achieve Meaningful Use.

Step 4 – Review and submit your information

Before submitting your completed Enrollment Form, please take time to check that your information is correct and complete. When you are finished, click the “Submit Enrollment Form” button at the bottom of the page.

Step 6 – Sign and return the Provider Agreement

Once you have submitted your Enrollment Form, the system will capture the information you have entered and generate a Provider Agreement for you to review. Please sign the Agreement via e-Signature and return it to the REC electronically, or you can print, sign, and return it by fax. The Provider Agreement must be signed by someone with the legal authority to do so for your practice.

Step 7 – Welcome!

Once we have received your signed Provider Agreement, you will receive a confirmation email message that will include a copy of your executed Provider Agreement. Your practice will be contacted by a RI REC Relationship Manager, who will discuss the next steps.