



Enhance Quality, Increase Reimbursement: Financial Incentives through HIT

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Discussion Points

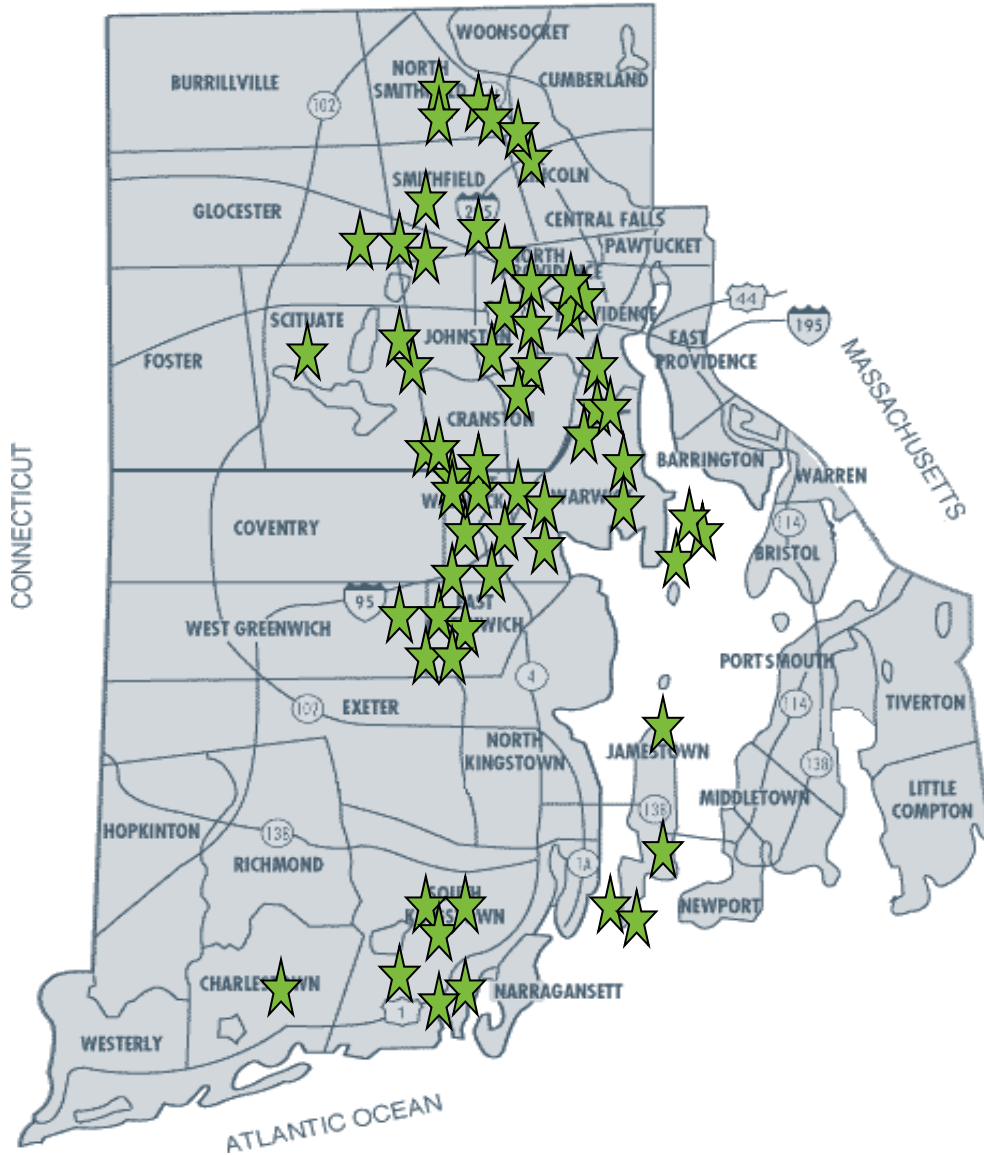
- Patient-Centered Medical Home Program
- PCP EHR Fee Increase Program Alignment
 - BCBSRI's Primary Care Physician (PCP) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Increase Program Alignment with Stage 1 Meaningful Use



PCMH Program Basics

- Purpose
- Role of integrated NCMs, Behavioral Health Providers, and pharmacists
- Technology
- Funding

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PCMH Results

- Results to date
- 209 RI-based PCPs, 54 practices
- Stage 1 Meaningful Use

PCP EHR Fee Increase Program

- Eligibility
- 41% of eligible network PCPs are participating
- Current process
- Future alignment with Stage 1 Meaningful Use

PCPs Currently on EHR or PCMH Fee Schedule

- Goal: Successful achievement of Stage 1 Meaningful Use in 2012
- To maintain your current fee schedule:
 - Complete and return the *BCBSRI Primary Care Physician Electronic Health Record Meaningful Use Attestation for Providers on the Higher Fee Schedules* by **March 1, 2012**
 - Initial reporting period must begin by **April 1, 2012**
 - Confirmation letter will include next steps

PCPs Not Currently on EHR or PCMH Fee Schedule

- Before February 1, 2012: Complete **2011 PCP EHR Fee Increase Application** and the BCBSRI Attestation Form
- After February 1, 2012: Complete the **2012 PCP EHR Fee Increase Application**
 - PCP will be effective with higher fee schedule from the reporting period begin date*
 - Determination letter will list next steps
- Applications are available on the EHR Funding Support Programs page of BCBSRI.com

* Processing may take up to 60 days. Fee schedule adjustments are only made on a prospective basis. PCPs are encouraged to complete these forms in advance of beginning the reporting period.

Electronic Health Records

Primary Care Physician (PCP) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Fee Increase Program

As part of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's ongoing efforts to provide our members with access to high-quality and affordable healthcare, we are changing our EHR Payment Policy for the PCP EHR Fee Increase Program in early 2012 to align with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) definition of Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use. The Stage 1 Meaningful Use final rule was released in July 2010 by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology.

Under the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, an EP must use an Office of the National Coordinator-certified EHR and achieve 20 measures to qualify for the payment incentives of up to \$44,000 or up to \$63,750, respectively. EPs must meet each of the 15 core measures and select five of ten provided menu-set measures. EPs must complete a 90-day reporting period for the first year of each program; subsequent reporting periods are one calendar year. Data collected from the EHR during the reporting period will be used in the attestation to CMS or the Rhode Island Medicaid Program. For more details on the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, you can visit the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website and download the registration user guides available in the CMS Resources section of the Provider Resources area of this page.

PCPs currently enrolled in our EHR Fee Increase Program

Please refer to the Enrollment Process for PCPs Currently on EHR Fee Schedule in the Provider Resource section of this page for further details on the steps that you must take to remain on the higher fee schedule.

PCPs not currently enrolled in our EHR Fee Increase Program

If you are applying prior to February 1, 2012, please review our established criteria and complete the 2011 PCP EHR Fee Increase Application. If you are applying after February 1, 2012, you should complete the 2012 PCP EHR Fee Increase Meaningful Use Application. For further details, please review the Enrollment Process for PCPs Not Currently on the EHR Fee Schedule. This document, the criteria, and the applications, can be found in the Provider Resources section of this page.

There are local community resources, such as Rhode Island's Regional Extension Center (REC) for Health Information Technology, to help PCPs implement an EHR and reach Meaningful Use of that EHR. To learn more about the REC and the services it offers, visit DocEHRTalk.org.

We will continue to keep you informed through future Provider Update articles and through updates in this section of our website. If you have any questions on these changes, contact the Physician & Provider Service Center at (401) 278-4848 or 1-800-230-9050.

Provider Resources

BCBSRI Resources:

- [EHR Payment Policy](#)
- [Stage 1 Meaningful Use Measures](#)
- [Enrollment Process – PCPs Currently on EHR Fee Schedule](#)
- [Enrollment Process – PCPs NOT Currently on EHR Fee Schedule](#)
- [2011 PCP EHR Fee Increase Criteria](#)
- [2011 PCP EHR Fee Increase Application](#)
- [2012 PCP EHR Fee Increase Application](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [BCBSRI Meaningful Use Attestation - for Providers on the Higher Fee Schedules](#)

CMS Resources:

- [CMS EHR Incentive Programs Glossary](#)
- [Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Table of Contents](#)
- [Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration User Guide](#)
- [Medicare EHR Incentive Program Registration User Guide](#)
- [Medicare EHR Incentive Program Attestation User Guide](#)

Useful Links

- DocEHRTalk.org
- [CMS EHR Incentive Program Website](#)

Resources

- EHR Funding Support Programs page of BCBSRI.com
- Provider Update articles
- Monthly Provider Relations Webinar
- Other resources:
 - RI REC - www.DocEHRTalk.org
 - CMS - www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms

Questions?