



*The RI Regional Extension Center (RI REC) is a service of the Rhode Island Quality Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety, and value of healthcare in Rhode Island. RI REC assists healthcare providers and staff in the use of health information technology with education, training, and personalized support.*

Learn more about RI REC  
at [www.DocEHRtalk.org](http://www.DocEHRtalk.org), or  
call **888-858-4815, option 4.**

## **EHR Adoption Program**

RI REC assists eligible primary care providers in achieving meaningful use of an electronic health record (EHR), which qualifies you for payments from Medicare's or RI's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. We provide

- Subsidies of up to \$2,500 per provider (up to 10 in one office)
- Personalized assistance from a relationship manager
- A Vendor Marketplace—pre-qualified EHR software vendors, consultants, and Health Information Service Providers (for Direct Messaging) with discounts and standardized contracts
- Checklists and tools, including a meaningful use incentive calculator and a privacy and security toolkit
- Educational materials and small-group and Web-based Health IT learning sessions

## **Direct Adoption Program**

Direct Messaging is secure e-mail for the exchange of patients' protected health information. We help you adopt this new technology with

- A selection of qualified Health Information Service Providers in our online Vendor Marketplace
- Free membership in the Rhode Island Quality Institute's RI Trust Community—a community of verified RI providers—that issues a RIQI-signed digital certificate
- Educational materials and learning sessions
- Direct messaging setup checklist, best practices guide, and information about the benefits of using Direct

## **HIE/currentcare Adoption Program**

currentcare is RI's Health Information Exchange (HIE). This secure Web-based system allows patient-authorized and authenticated healthcare providers to access patients' longitudinal health records from multiple locations.

Enrollment incentive payments are available for helping your patients enroll.

currentcare's care coordination features include

- Access to your patients' up-to-date health information, including medication history, lab results, and hospital admissions and discharges
- Easier retrieval and transfer of patient data
- Real-time electronic notification of your patients' emergency department visits and hospital admissions
- Accurate quality measurement reporting and comparison metrics

Data are currently flowing from Lifespan Laboratories; East Side Clinical Laboratory; Care New England (Kent and Women & Infants) Laboratories; South County Hospital; and Cumberland Primary Care's EHR. Data from other data-sharing partners is expected by the end of 2011.

## **Health IT Certification Program**

RI REC, Healthcentric Advisors, and the New England Institute of Technology have partnered to offer free professional Health IT training for providers and staff and certification for those responsible for selecting, implementing, and managing an EHR.

Participants who successfully complete Tier 3 of the training program receive the nationally recognized Certified Professional in Electronic Health Records (CPEHR) certification.

## **Join the RI Regional Extension Center**

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 (see box at right), you may also enroll in the EHR Adoption Program.

As a RI REC member, you may participate in the Direct Adoption Program, the HIE/currentcare Adoption Program, and the Health IT Certification Program (see reverse side). You also have access to RI REC's Vendor Marketplace and its discounted products and services. You will receive RI REC e-newsletters and invitations to educational programs and Health IT events.

To become a member of the RI Regional Extension Center:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Complete and submit the online membership form.

### **Questions?**

Call **888-858-4815, option 4**, or email **RIREC@riqi.org**.

## **Enroll in the EHR Adoption Program**

The goal of the EHR Adoption Program is to assist 1,000 eligible RI primary care providers, with or without an existing EHR, with achieving meaningful use. Our program is funded—for a limited time—by a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services.

We help you and your practice select an EHR and/or use one to meet meaningful use criteria, which qualifies you for up to \$44,000 per provider in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program or up to \$63,750 in RI Medicaid's EHR Incentive Program. (See reverse side of this page for additional benefits of enrollment in this program.)

### **Eligibility criteria:**

Enrollment in the EHR Adoption Program is available and **free** for 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 who
- 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.

**To enroll in RI REC's EHR Adoption Program, call 888-924-4156.**



*Founded in 2001, the Rhode Island Quality Institute's (RIQI) mission is to significantly improve the quality, safety, and value of healthcare in Rhode Island.*

*RIQI is a collaboration of leaders in the Rhode Island community who share the intent to substantively improve the healthcare system in the state by building on the availability and advantages of health information technology. The collaboration includes CEOs of hospitals, health insurers, and businesses, along with leaders of consumer groups, academia, and government.*

*RIQI is the Governor-designated sole Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) for Rhode Island, chosen to coordinate the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). As the RHIO, RIQI is charged with bringing together healthcare stakeholders within the state and governing the HIE among them for the purpose of improving health outcomes in the community. For more information, visit **www.RIQI.org**.*