



## IL HIE Medicaid Work Group Meeting Notes October 17, 2011

Attendees (by phone):

Ben Barnard	Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Dave Barnes	Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Anne Bobb	Children's Memorial Hospital
Pat Borrowdale	Pediatric Health Associates
Julie Bonello	Access Community Health Network
Dr. Marie Brown	American College of Physicians
Kelly Carter	Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Connie Christen	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Stephen DePooter	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Andrew Garrett	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Krysta Heaney	Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)
Roger Holloway	Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (IL-HITREC)
Peter Ingram	Sinai Health System
Vince Keenan	Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
John Lekich	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Mary McGinnis	Office of Health Information Technology
Elizabeth McKnight	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (CHITREC)
Susan Melczer	Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
Renee Perry	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Joann Spoor	Illinois Hospital Association
Theresa Walunus	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/22, 9/1, and 9/19**

The work group approved the minutes.

### **Electronic Health Record/Provider Incentive Program (EHR/PIP) Status Update**

**Renee Perry** reported that HFS has received and processed 840 registrations from eligible professionals (EPs) and 83 registrations from eligible hospitals (EHs). Thirty-three states have launched their EHR/PIP programs and 21 have paid out incentive money to providers. HFS is on track to begin incentive payments on February 1, 2012.

The HFS website will include a Frequently Asked Questions for EPs page, the patient volume calculation worksheet and instructions and the Title IX tables.

#### **CMS Registration Issues – Need Description and Screen Shots**

**Renee Perry** indicated that HFS has heard from many EPs regarding issues with the federal site. HFS has a direct link to the federal troubleshooters and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has requested that HFS send a brief description of any problem and screen shots when reporting problems. If anyone has any problems with the federal site, please send them to [hfs.ehrincentive@illinois.gov](mailto:hfs.ehrincentive@illinois.gov). **Mary McGinnis** reported that the Regional Extension Centers (RECs) had problems which were sent to Renee who has contacted CMS about them.

#### **Comments of DRAFT EP and EH Attestation Screens**

Renee reported that HFS is developing the attestation screens and has sent the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) test screen shots. The screen shots were distributed for this meeting and Renee requested that if anyone has any major changes to suggest to please send them to her.

Most of the information on the attestation screens comes from the information the EPs entered into the CMS system. If there is a National Provider Identification (NPI) number that HFS does not have on file then the provider will receive a note with a link to the CMS website. Renee noted that when registering at the CMS level, EPs do not have to have their registration number but will need it to attest. Peter Ingram suggested removing 'verify' off of the screen and to only say 'enter'. Peter also suggested that language be added on how to select a county. Renee said that it will be included.

**Roger Holloway** said that some facilities treat uninsured people and illegal immigrants and wanted to know how to report them. Renee said that a box has been added to the worksheet for people to select needy individuals for charity care. Peter suggested that EPs keep the worksheet for auditing purposes.

Renee indicated that the EH attestation screens are basically in the same layout as the EPs screen. The EH attestation screens do include an area for cost reporting.

#### **90-Day Attestation Tail Period Approved**

HFS has received approval from federal CMS to extend the deadlines for registering and attesting to 90 days after the end of the calendar year for EPs and 90 days after the end of the federal fiscal year for EHs. The deadlines for registering and attesting for the 2011 payment are:

EPs – March 31, 2012

EHs – December 31, 2011

For the Medicare EHR incentive payment, the deadlines remain 60 days after the end of the calendar year for EPs (February 29, 2012) and 60 days after the end of the federal fiscal year for EHs (November 30, 2011). Additional important dates are found on the federal CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>.

**Peter Ingram** inquired about when HFS is likely to have capability for stage 1 of Meaningful Use (MU).

**Renee** said that HFS has to submit a State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP) to CMS for approval along with 104 different screen shots and that there is much to do before coding can begin so it may be next summer. Four to five states have submitted MU screens to CMS. CMS did provide mock-ups of their screens that HFS will use and add Illinois specific information to.

Meeting adjourned.