Beacon Leadership Team (BLT) Wrap

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Check out a recent publication on one of our Beacon funded projects in the Esri Spring Newsletter for Health and Human services. You can click on the link below and go to pages 8 and 9.


Mark Carrozza, MA Health Informatics Developer, Health Landscape LLC, profiles the North Carolina Health Information Portal (NC HIP) in the article, “GIS Tracks Emerging Statewide Patient Care Patterns.

http://healthlandscape.org/

About Esri

Esri inspires and enables people to positively impact the future through a deeper, geographic understanding of the changing world around them. They are based in Redlands, CA.

http://www.esri.com/

To view the publish version of the site, click here https://www.communitycarenc.org/nc-hip/
Workforce Training Program Opportunity!

Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) is offering training for Implementation Managers and Practice Workflow and Information Management Redesign Specialist roles. Both courses will begin on Monday, April 15th and will continue through Monday, September 16th. Admissions for the courses is open until Friday, April 19th.

Don't miss out on this time-limited opportunity! To begin the admissions process, go to the CPCC website and complete the form on the “Learn More” section of the website. Applicants need to have an applicable health care or IT background.

REACH IT Program

Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) is taking the lead role in the federally-funded initiative, Regional Effort to Advance Charlotte Information Technology (REACH IT). This program is funded with a grant from the Department of Labor and is focused on training individuals who are unemployed or underemployed in the 16-county greater Charlotte region. With this initiative, CPCC is providing training for two workforce roles: HIT trainer and HIT technical/software support.

In addition, CPCC has partnered with the CPCC IT program under their corporate and continuing education division. The IT program is offering two courses as well: business intelligence analyst and technical support technician. The online application and more information about this program can be found here. Applicants need to have an applicable health care or IT background.

NC PATH Upgrades Existing EHR Solution

The North Carolina Program to Advance Technology for Health (NC PATH) is upgrading the existing EHR solution offered (Allscripts MyWay™), to Allscripts Professional™ Suite (EHR & PM). By upgrading to a more robust EHR solution, NC PATH is able to expand the program beyond physicians in primary care. Through the NC PATH program, eligible providers will receive the Allscripts Professional Suite EHR & PM solution, integration to the North Carolina Health Information Exchange (NC HIE), and training and support resources.

For more information regarding NC PATH, please click here.

If providers have questions, please contact NC PATH Program Manager Kristal Shearin by email (kristal.Shearin@nchie.org) or phone (919-882-0324).

Source: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm
Meaningful Use (MU) Update

Breaking News!

**Please note, effective March 25th, the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has a new telephone number. Moving forward, please direct all questions or comments to 919-814-0180.**

Per the federal sequestration, a 2% reduction will be applied to any Medicare EHR incentive payment for a reporting period that ends on or after April 1, 2013. This sequestration will not impact Medicaid payments for the EHR Incentive Program. For more information, please click here.

**Attestation Tail Period Ending for Program Year 2012**

The NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation tail period for 2012 attestations will be ending on April 30, 2013. If you plan to submit a 2012 attestation for the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you must do so before April 30, 2013.

**NC Medicaid Incentive Tracker**

Click here http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/PaidAsOf20130131.pdf to see a list of all the providers that have received an NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment (as of January 31, 2013).

Source: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm
HHS finalizes rule guaranteeing 100 percent funding for new Medicaid beneficiaries

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 29, 2013
Contact: HHS Press Office
(202) 690-6343

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced a final rule with a request for comments that provides, effective January 1, 2014, the federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost of certain newly eligible adult Medicaid beneficiaries. These payments will be in effect through 2016, phasing down to a permanent 90 percent matching rate by 2020. The Affordable Care Act authorizes states to expand Medicaid to adult Americans under age 65 with income of up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (approximately $15,000 for a single adult in 2012) and provides unprecedented federal funding for these states.

“This is a great deal for states and great news for Americans,” HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said. “Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more Americans will have access to health coverage and the federal government will cover a vast majority of the cost. Treating people who don’t have insurance coverage raises health care costs for hospitals, people with insurance, and state budgets.”

Today’s final rule provides important information to states that expand Medicaid. It describes the simple and accurate method states will use to claim the matching rate that is available for Medicaid expenditures of individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of poverty and who are defined as “newly eligible” and are enrolled in the new eligibility group. The system is set up to make eligibility determinations as simple and accurate as possible for state programs.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states that cover the new adult group in Medicaid will have 100 percent of the costs of newly eligible Americans paid for by the federal government in 2014, 2015, and 2016. The federal government’s contribution is then phased-down gradually to 90 percent by 2020, and remains there permanently. For states that had coverage expansions in effect prior to enactment of the Affordable Care Act, the rule also provides information about the availability of an increased FMAP for certain adults who are not newly eligible.

For more information on the improvements made to Medicaid, please visit:
For the full text of today’s final rule, please go to http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx

Dr. Mark Robinson, Lara Fink, RN, Sandra Michael, RN

**Must see media clips/internet links**

We are pleased to share that we have now gone public with our HiTech + HiTouch video!

Click the link here
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiuPJ5l2t6E&playnext=1&list=PL9CZabk3nD4H8nck6xZ7MWcBFo9kWLrui&feature=results_main

Cabarrus Family Medicine – Kannapolis and Concord released “Veronica’s Story”, a story that shares how their Virtual Care project for monitoring diabetes helps Veronica cope and successfully manage her condition. Please click the link here http://sproutvideo.com/videos/a49bd8b71a1ee5c42c?type=hd

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- **May 7th** – **Beacon Executive Committee Meeting** – 7am – 8am CCofSP Large Conference Room or call in
- **May 21st** – **May 22nd** – **Beacon National Meeting** – Pew Charitable Trust, Washington DC
- **May 22nd** – National Health Policy Forum (invitation only) – Washington DC
- **July 10th-12th** - National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Dallas, TX

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Career Opportunities

CCNC Opportunities

Community Care of North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that works collaboratively with physicians and other health care professionals to improve health care quality and restrain costs. We serve beneficiaries of Medicaid, Medicare and have begun partnerships with private sector organizations, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. If you want to make a difference in the health of North Carolinians, CCNC might be the place for you. Currently, we are seeking to fill the openings listed below. For more information contact HR Director John Dowd

Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions. For more information, please see the CCNC Careers page.

- Senior Analyst, Quality Measurement and Reporting
- IC Reports Developer
- Technical Integration Developer
- Staff Accountant-AP/AR
- Specialty Pharmacist

Positions at local CCNC networks

If you're interested in position at one of the 14 CCNC networks, please go to our Network Careers Page.

- Quality Improvement Director-Pinehurst, NC (Community Care of the Sandhills)
Helpful Links

Beacon Communities
http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/beacon-community-program

Southern Piedmont Beacon Community
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov__southern_piedmont_beacon_community/3327

NC Office of Health Information Technology
http://www.ncdhhs.gov/healthIT/

NC MIPS - North Carolina’s Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System
https://ncmips.nctracks.nc.gov/

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program
http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm

Medicaid service providers may attest for incentive payments on the NC-MIPS Portal at
https://ncmips.nctracks.nc.gov/

North Carolina AHEC REC
https://www.ncahecrec.net/

Charlotte AHEC REC
http://www.charlotteahec.org/continuing_education/quality_initiatives/rec_hit_ipip.cfm

Northwest AHEC REC
http://www.wakehealth.edu/Northwest-AHEC/Regional-Extension-Center.htm

Stay connected, communicate, and collaborate with ONC

Browse the ONC websites at: healthIT.gov

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- Health IT Buzz Blog

Stay connected with CMS

Browse the CMS Innovations website at: http://www.innovations.cms.gov/

CMS EHR Incentive Programs  Centers for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Potential Beacon Headlines in 2013:

A Beacon Community has safer hospitals
A Beacon Patient is a better informed patient
A Beacon Physician has the information they need to direct patient care
A Beacon Community keeps patients and families from falling through the cracks
A Beacon Community is a community that has bent the cost curve

Do you need to find a previous edition? They are available on our website located at http://www.ccofsp.com/beacon-blt-wraps

Have a safe and wonderful weekend!