

Meaningful Use

Improving prevention coordination through meaningful use of health information technology

As a physician or hospital professional, your focus is to provide the best care for your patients. The time you have to focus on successfully meeting the requirements of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program to move through the stages of meaningful use can be limited and the effort may seem daunting at best—that’s where we come in.

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) is a member of the Atlantic Quality Innovation Network (AQIN), a Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), offering health-care quality improvement learning opportunities, technical assistance, and resources across New York, South Carolina, and the District of Columbia. CCME serves as the QIN-QIO for South Carolina and using goals of the National Quality Strategy to help efficiently and effectively guide providers through the stages of adopting and using certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) in meaningful ways to improve patient care.

To improve the quality of healthcare Americans receive, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the National Quality Strategy to facilitate and guide healthcare quality improvement efforts throughout the country. This strategy focuses on the three broad aims of better healthcare, better health for people and communities, and affordable care.

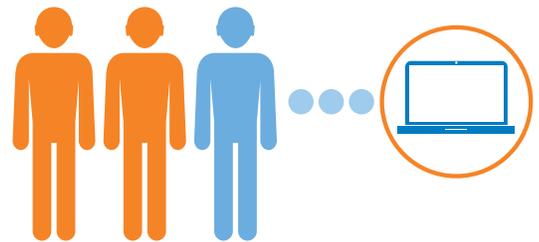
A Community-Based Approach

Through our **Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities** Network, we are convening a select group of healthcare professionals, stakeholders and beneficiaries to form an “all teach, all learn” online community. This community will include medical experts and individuals representing community partners, local and national stakeholders, federal agencies, beneficiaries and their families, eligible providers, practitioners and hospitals, Accountable Care Organizations and Pioneer Accountable Care Organizations with installed CEHRTs.

Participants will benefit from networking with each other, as well as sharing and learning about best practices and solutions that help increase the rate at which they adopt CEHRTs and advance through the stages of meaningful use. The **Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities** Network will work to support sustainable system changes and full optimization of CEHRT capabilities; enabling participants to be well positioned for future incentive programs.

Eligible providers, practitioners and hospitals that participate in the **Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities** Network will receive technical assistance and innovative tools and resources to maximize the use of their CEHRT and improve patient care and care coordination. Participating providers will learn how to use electronic health information to improve coordination of care for their patients.

Two out of **three** people would consider **switching** to a **physician who offers access to medical records through a secure Internet connection.**



Successfully Advance from Stage 1 to Stage 2 Meaningful Use

Stage One

Eligible Professionals
• 13 core objectives
• 5 of 9 menu objectives

18 total objectives

Eligible Hospitals & Critical Access Hospitals
• 11 required core objectives
• 5 of 10 menu objectives

16 total objectives

Stage Two

Eligible Professionals
• 17 core objectives
• 3 of 6 menu objectives

20 total objectives

Eligible Hospitals & Critical Access Hospitals
• 16 core objectives
• 3 of 6 menu objectives

19 total objectives

Join the Partners in Practice Network and receive assistance to use your electronic health record to **advance through the stages of meaningful use.**

Our Goals

By establishing a robust exchange of best practices, the Network seeks to achieve larger goals that include:

- Supporting meaningful use criteria and achievement;
- Boosting Physician Quality Improvement System reporting/alignment with one-time reporting;
- Promoting immunizations and breast and colon cancer screenings;
- Promoting population health;
- Engaging Medicare beneficiaries and families;
- Improving patient health and self-management;
- Encouraging sharing of resources, tools and information to improve care coordination with local providers and through a health information exchange;
- Reducing disparities in care;
- Increasing by 75% the number of participating network providers in South Carolina that receive technical assistance and meet EHR Incentive Program quality reporting requirements by 2019; and
- Increasing by 60% the number of participating providers across the state that have established an electronic connection with beneficiaries and/or family representatives by 2019.

Key Strategies & Interventions

Benefits to Participating Providers

As a virtual community, the Network provides an innovative forum for timely exchange of information and practical insight to leverage the full use of the CEHRT including:

- Collaboration with partners to improve CEHRT adoption and workflow and to support practice transformation;
- Collaboration with state partners to develop ways to motivate and support those providers that are not eligible for incentives—including providers of behavioral health and post-acute care and long-term care services—so they realize the true benefits of system improvement;
- Assistance to sustain health information technology (HIT) operability, quality improvement efforts and provide further education about the benefits of using HIT;
- Assistance to increase screening and delivery of preventive services;
- Assistance with collecting and reporting data for trend analysis, targeting process and staff improvements;
- Assistance with identifying and reducing disparities in access and coordination for Medicare beneficiaries;
- Sharing of successful interventions, resources, tools and lessons learned through learning forums designed to improve care coordination with providers through a health information exchange.

Join the Partners in Practice Learning and Action Network

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