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Interoperability in Action:

Two-Part Blog Series from ONC

The ONC has released a two-part blog series focusing on the recent announcement the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) made in August regarding its final changes to its payment program for acute care hospitals in 2023. In this two-part blog series, ONC reviews these provisions and highlights the potential they hold to advance interoperability by driving hospital and CAH use of important health IT capabilities connected to ONC programs. The first blog looks at Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) measures related to the use of networks that facilitate health information exchange. The second blog focuses on an additional update to the Promoting Interoperability Program that reflects collaboration between CMS, ONC, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A new policy in the Inpatient Quality Reporting program aimed at advancing health equity will also be presented.

To view the blog series in its entirety, please click here.

Welcome to NDHIN: New Participant Spotlight

NDHIN would like to welcome our newest participants

- **Catalyst Medical Center Clinic**
- **Wellness Rediscovered**

Electronic Case Reporting in North Dakota:

Steps to Complete

Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) is the automated, real-time exchange of case report information between electronic health records (EHRs) and public health agencies. Many facilities and providers are participating in either the Medicare Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program or the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Program, making eCR a requirement. Eligible hospitals and providers must begin eCR in 2022 to meet the required Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective under the respective CMS Quality Programs.

NDHIN continues to work closely with the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services (NDHHS) to assist facilities with eCR implementation. Our team has created an eCR Implementation Checklist as noted below:

Electronic Case Reporting Implementation Checklist

- Verify eCR Prerequisites are Met
- Registration of Intent
- Confirm Policy Path
- Establish Connectivity
- Conduct Testing
- Go-live in the Production Environment

You may find additional eCR resources on the NDHHS website by clicking here. For more information or questions regarding eCR, please contact Rachel Goble at rgoble@nd.gov.

Reminders!

Help Us Stay Up to Date

- When an employee leaves your organization, please contact NDHIN to ensure access to Clinical Portal and DSM (if applicable) is terminated. Making this a part of your employee termination process will ensure this step is not forgotten.

- Please reach out to NDHIN with any EHR vendor changes or changes that may affect your connectivity with NDHIN. We are here to ensure the appropriate connectivity is in place and to make sure your journey is a seamless one. Please contact us with any questions.

Quarterly Q & A Session

Please Join Us

Our last session for 2022 will be held December 15th at 12:30-1:00 pm CST. Keep watching your inbox for more information as we will be providing additional information closer to the session date. *Missed a Q&A session?* Click here to access past sessions.

Reach Out To US!

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