



# **Pennsylvania REACH East & West The Regional Extension Centers for Pennsylvania**

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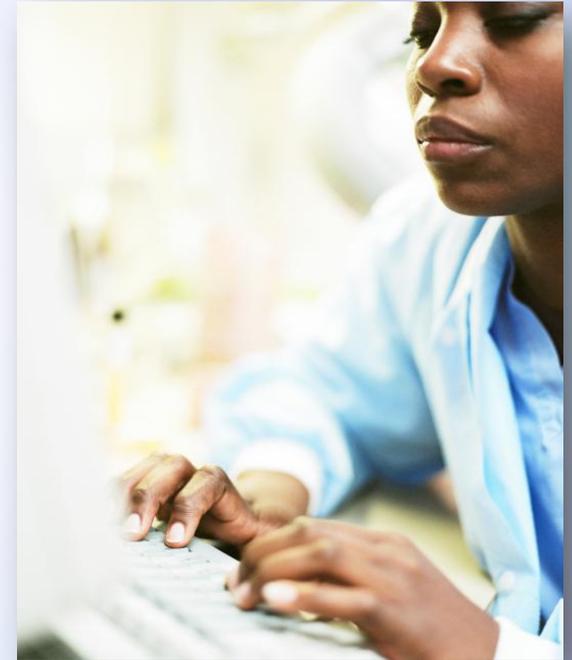
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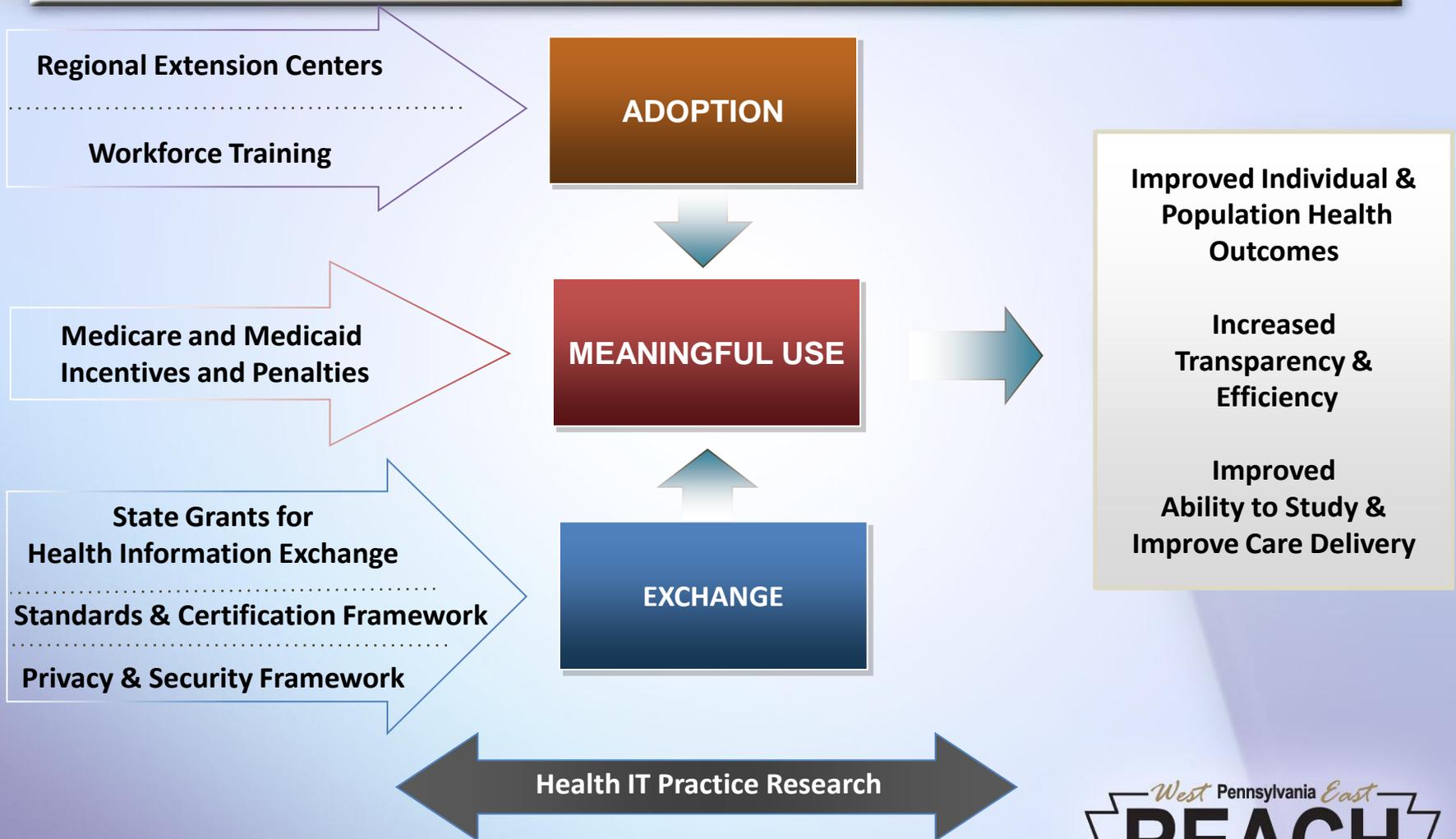
# Objectives

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- Explain the origin and purpose of the National HIT Regional Extension Program
- Delineate services available to eligible providers in Pennsylvania



# HITECH: How the Pieces Fit Together



Source: ONC Master Slide Bank



# Regional Extension Centers (RECs)

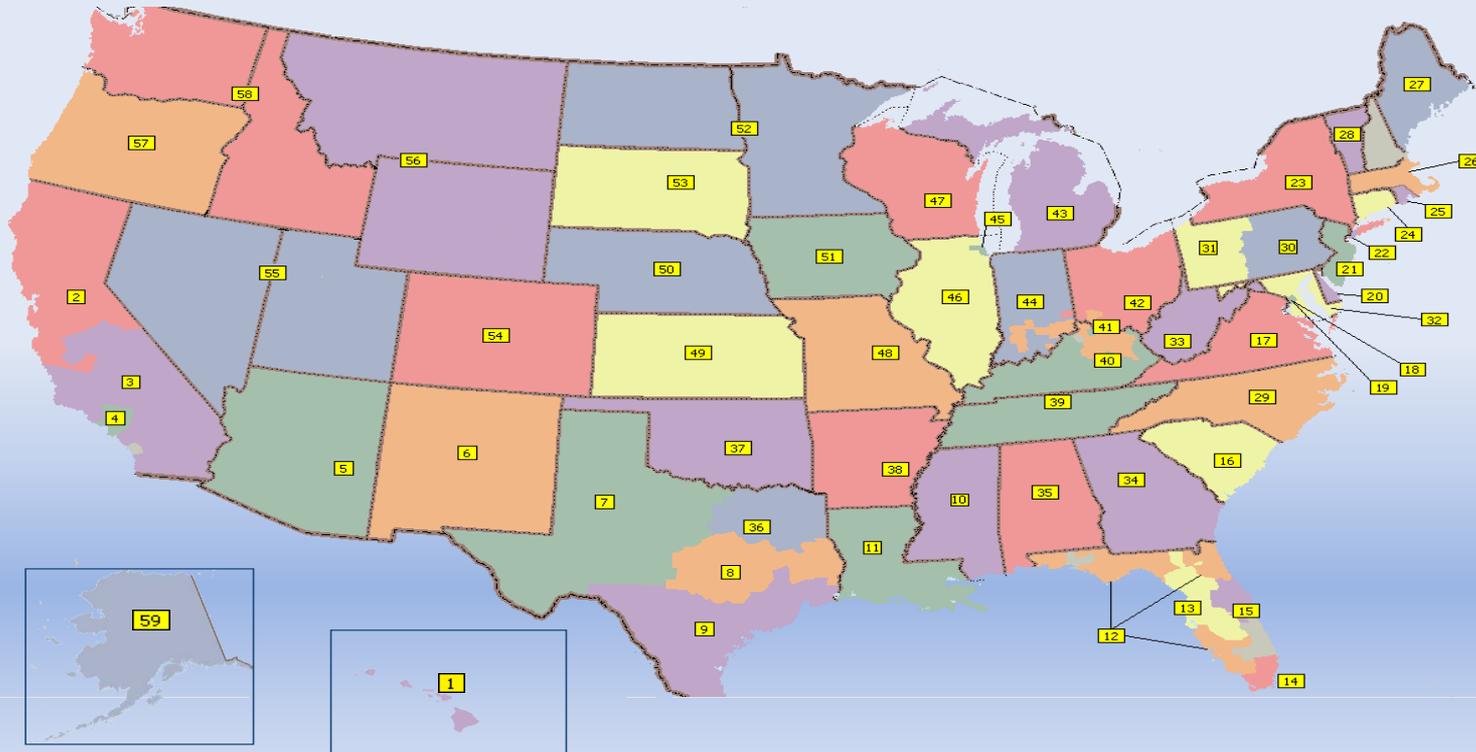
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- Goal: Assist at least 100,000 providers in achieving Meaningful Use by 2012
- Establish RECs nationwide to support providers in adopting and becoming Meaningful Users of HIT through comprehensive, “on-the-ground” services



# Current RECs

## United States Regional Extension Centers



\*Note: applicable regions across the nation may also be supported by the Indian Health Board Regional Extension Center, headquartered in Washington DC.



# PA Reach East Service Area

Total PPCPs Served  
– 5,700

Total Population –  
8,631,323



# PA REACH West Service Area



Total PPCPs Served – 3,000  
Total Population – 3,816,956



# PA REACH's Vision



## ■ Our Vision:

- To be a leader in improving health care for PA residents
- To improve the quality and coordination of care by assisting up to 8,700 priority primary care providers (PPCPs) to meaningfully use electronic health records (EHRs)
- To engage all stakeholders to ensure that there is a consistent, coordinated approach to building the HIT infrastructure in all areas of Pennsylvania.



# It Takes A Village

- **Large target possible because of dedicated support and collaboration with:**
  - PAeHI
  - PA Medical Society
  - Primary Care Organizations
  - HAP
  - CMS
  - DPW
  - Community Colleges
  - PA Office of Rural Health
  - State Health Information Exchange Coordinator
  - Multiple Technical Assistance Sub-Contractors



# Pennsylvania REACH Services

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- Outreach and education
- Workflow redesign support
- Project management
- EHR vendor selection support
- Help with achieving  
Meaningful Use
- Functional Interoperability & HIE
- Privacy & Security Best Practices



# How PA REACH Can Help?

**If you haven't started EHR implementation, we offer:**

- Practice readiness assessment
- ▶ EHR vendor selection, identification, evaluation & negotiation
- Needs prioritization and practice workflow redesign
- Assistance with provider-patient communications
- ▶ Best practices for privacy-security of personal health information
- Ongoing technical assistance



# If you're already underway, we offer assistance with:



- Achievement of meaningful use
- Maximized incentive payments with minimized hassle
- Health Information Exchange (HIE) partnerships and preparations
- Preparation for pay-for-performance
- Practice redesign to achieve PCMH



# Provider Agreement

**PA REACH will make available to provider the following services:**

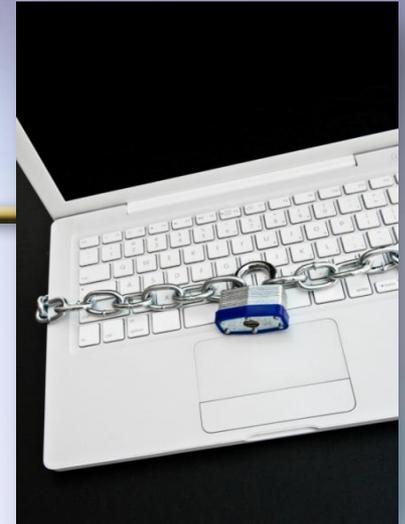
- Education
- Vendor Selection & Group Purchasing
- Implementation & Project Management
- Practice & Workflow Redesign
- Functional Interoperability & HIE



# Provider Agreement

**PA REACH will make available to provider the following services:**

- Privacy & Security Best Practices
- Progress toward Meaningful Use



# Provider Agreement



## Provider Agrees to:

- Furnish Demographic information required by HHS
- Enter into a standard HIPPA Business Associate Agreement
- Using best efforts, work with PA REACH to adopt certified EHR technology and achieve “go live” within 12 months, and to attain Meaningful Use of system within 15 months

# Workplan

## Workplan Tasks

1/29/2010

Phase / Task	Days From MOA or Start Date (if tiered)	Task Help Text
<b>Phase 0: Pre-Workplan Tasks</b>		
<i>Enter Background Information into Database</i>		<i>Date that the Background Information form is entered into Database.</i>
<i>Score Background Information Form</i>		<i>Date that the Background Information Form is scored for consideration in project.</i>
<i>Eliminate practice from consideration</i>		<i>Date that the practice is eliminated from consideration due to a variety of reasons.</i>
<b>Phase 1: Complete Workplan</b>		
<i>Mail Practice Readiness Assessment Form</i>		<i>Date that the RAF is mailed or faxed to practice.</i>
<i>Complete Practice Readiness Assessment Form</i>		<i>Date that the RAF is completed at the practice and received via mail/fax.</i>
<i>Enter Practice Readiness information into database</i>		<i>Date that the RAF data is inputted into data base</i>
<i>Score Practice Readiness Assessment Form</i>		<i>Date that the RAF is scored and color coded.</i>
<i>Sign MOA</i>		<i>Date that the signed MOA is received by project coordinator.</i>
<i>Schedule on-site visit for EMR Acquisition Work Plan</i>	15	<i>Date that the appointment is made to visit practice.</i>
<i>Complete on-site visit for EMR Acquisition Work Plan</i>	25	<i>Date that the practice is visited and work plan is created according to practice needs and DOQ-IT deadlines.</i>
<i>Create EMR Acquisition Work Plan</i>	27	<i>Date that the timeframes are established for the EMR process.</i>
<i>Implement EMR Acquisition Work Plan</i>	30	<i>Date that the practice will have "Kick-off" and implement first component of work plan.</i>
<b>Phase 2: Office Redesign</b>		
<i>Provide requested financial and other reports identified by QIP</i>	90	<i>Date that the practice supplies administrative data if needed</i>



Workplan

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2	<b>ONC MEANINGFUL USE TOOL</b>			Not started In progress Obstacles Done		0 = Not Ready or Present 1 = Present and Ready 2 = In Use 3= In Use and Documented			
4	<b>CORE Measures for EPs</b>								
5		MU Objective	MU Measure	Status	Initial Assessment	Current Score	Comments (optional)		
6	<b>Pillar 1: Improve Quality, Safety, Efficiency, and Reduce Health Disparities</b>								
7	1	Use CPOE for medication orders	CPOE is used for more than 20 percent of unique patients						
8	2	Implement drug-drug and drug-allergy interactions checks	The EP has enabled this functionality						
9	3	Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	More than 50 percent (adjusted or unadjusted for patient preference) of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using certified EHR technology						
10	4	Record demographics: Preferred language, gender, race, ethnicity, and date of birth	For more than 50% of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital have demographics recorded as structured data						
11	5	Maintain an up-to-date problem list of current and active diagnoses	More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital have at least one entry or an indication that no problems are known for the patient recorded as structured data.						
12	6	Maintain active medication list	More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital have at least one entry (or an indication that the patient is not currently prescribed any medication) recorded as structured data	In progress		2	2		

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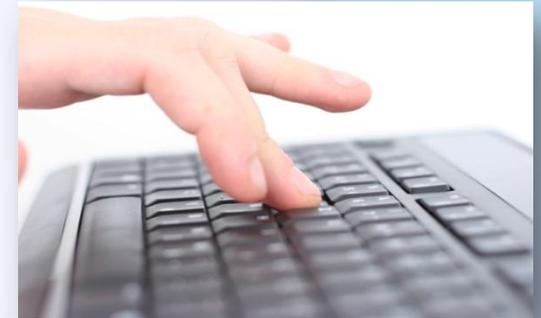
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# Programs Designed to Support Achievement of Meaningful Use

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- Technical assistance - Regional Extension Center Program
  - PA Reach East [www.pareacheast.org](http://www.pareacheast.org)
  - PA Reach West [www.pareachwest.org](http://www.pareachwest.org)
- Health information exchange
  - Funding and technical assistance to states
    - Pennsylvania Health Information Exchange (PHIX)
    - Phil Magistro, HIT Coordinator for Commonwealth of PA  
[pmagistro@state.pa.us](mailto:pmagistro@state.pa.us), (717) 214-8174



# Programs Designed to Support Achievement of Meaningful Use (cont.)

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- **Medicare Incentives**

[www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms)

- **Medicaid Incentives**

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/MAHITI](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/MAHITI)

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Regional Extension & Assistance Center for HIT



Attend Regional Meetings

Attend a regional informational meeting in July and August - Sign up now!



Meaningful Use

Learn more about Meaningful Use



Where Quality and Health Information Technology Converge



Reaching out to Pennsylvania Providers with HIT Assistance

Welcome to the Web home of the Pennsylvania Regional Extension and Assistance Center for HIT (REACH), serving eastern Pennsylvania.

Over the next two years, PA REACH's goal is to help approximately 5,700 primary care providers and community-based health centers in this region choose and meaningfully use electronic medical records.

Our assistance will be direct, individualized and on site. A small subscription fee may apply for participating providers.

Benefits of Participating

PA REACH East will provide participating providers with assistance in:

- Selecting a certified EHR product that offers best value for the providers' needs
• Achieving effective implementation of a certified EHR product
• Enhancing clinical and administrative workflows to optimally leverage an EHR system's potential to improve quality and value of care. This includes the patient experience as well as outcomes of care
• Obeying and complying with applicable legal, regulatory, professional, and ethical requirements to

About PA REACH

PA REACH East's activities are funded through a grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Quality Insights of Pennsylvania is our state's grant lead and will be working with a host of partners to implement and support this wide-scale effort.

PA REACH East has a counterpart, PA REACH West, which will be providing similar assistance to 3,300 providers in that region.

Note: Quality Insights is not a vendor of electronic health record systems and we do not endorse vendors.

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# To Summarize

- Provided the background and rationale for creating the HIT Regional Extension Centers
- Elucidated the federally subsidized assistance available to eligible Pennsylvania providers to implement electronic medical records and achieve Meaningful Use.

