

Who we are:

We are a federally funded program, led by a non-profit organization here in Hawai'i, focused on assisting primary care providers in adopting, implementing, and becoming meaningful users of electronic health record (EHR) systems.

Who we are NOT:

We are not an EHR vendor or software vendor and our services are not intended to replace your EHR vendor's services.

What we do for practices currently using paper records:

- Evaluate your practice for computer readiness and help you prepare for EHR installation
- Assist with vendor demonstrations and selection
- Evaluate and screen EHR vendors to create a group of pre-qualified vendors from which you may choose
- Assist with installation, implementation, and "go live" support of your new EHR system

Once you've implemented an EHR system, we will:

- Provide a customized Meaningful Use Project Plan, identifying the best steps for your practice to take in order to achieve Meaningful Use of your system
- Support EHR implementation
- Assess IT readiness
- Perform gap analysis
- Assist practices with implementing interfaces with the Hawai'i Health Information Exchange and/or other organizations

How we help with Meaningful Use:

- Deliver Meaningful Use training for your staff
- Offer support on preparing reports for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs
- Provide overall project management of the transition to and adoption of EHRs and of the process of successfully meeting Meaningful Use requirements

How much it costs:

- For a provider that meets the following criteria, the fee for services will not exceed \$500/provider*.

Criteria:

1. Credentials must be MD, DO, NP, PA or CNMW
2. Specialty must be Adolescent Medicine, Family Practice, General Practice, Internal Medicine, OB, GYN, Geriatrics, or Pediatrics
3. Practice must be a private practice of 1-10 providers, a rural health clinic, a community health center, a critical access hospital, a public hospital, or an under-served setting

*Fee may change after April 2012.



Services of the Hawai'i Pacific Regional Extension Center (HPREC):

Vendor Selection and Group Purchasing—The HPREC will assist in determining your health IT needs, as well as provide those physicians using paper records with a list of prequalified vendors that are committed to:

- Offering reduced group rates;
- Preferred contract terms;
- Remaining certified as the definition of Meaningful Use continues to change;
- Supplying continual support beyond the grant time frame.

Practice and Workflow Redesign—We will help you work with your electronic health record (EHR) vendor to implement and troubleshoot your EHR system. The HPREC consultants will assist with mapping out and redesigning your workflow process and updating staff roles and responsibilities. In addition, the HPREC will aid you in addressing gaps you may encounter when transferring from paper to electronic records or moving toward Meaningful Use.

Functional Interoperability and Health Information Exchange—In order to ensure consistency of care, the HPREC will work with you to connect to available health information exchange infrastructures.

Privacy and Security Best Practices—The HPREC consultants will help you employ best practices as far as privacy and security of personal health information are concerned. We will offer guidelines and templates developed by regional extension centers across the nation.

Progress Toward Meaningful Use—The HPREC will provide you with support in becoming eligible for the incentives offered by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by achieving Meaningful Use.

For more information, please visit our website at www.hawaiihie.org/rec or contact Alan Ito at aito@hawaiihie.org or 808-441-1429.