

# Health Information Technology: Requirements and Examples



# Background

- The ACA requires States to include a proposal for using Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Proposal must detail how HIT will improve service delivery and coordination
- HIT is one of the six core health homes services

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- From SMD letter dated November 16, 2010
    - “CMS recognizes the importance of health information technology in furthering the aims of the health home model of service delivery. While States have the flexibility to determine how to use health information technology in their health home models, CMS encourages States to consider utilizing technologies to provide health home services and improve care coordination across the care continuum.”
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# Role of HIT

- To “link services”
- Quality reporting
- Provider supports/requirements
- Facilitate communication and feedback to/among providers and consumers

# HIT Example: New York

- Defines initial and final standards for providers
- HIT uses:
  - Create accessible POC
  - Follow up and monitoring
  - Initiating changes in care
  - Enrollee health promotion activities

# HIT Example: New York

- Providers must meet initial standards, or will be encouraged to utilize RHIOs, etc to access patient data
- Required partnerships for HIT

# HIT Example: New York

- Initial Standards:
  - Information systems, policies, procedures, and practice to create POC
  - Systematic process for follow-up
  - Accessible health record system
  - Use of RHIO/QE to access available data

# HIT Example: New York

- Final Standards:
  - Interoperable HIT system for POC creation
  - EHR that meets meaningful use standards
  - Commit to join RHIO/QE to share data
  - Use HIT to support evidence-based practices

# HIT Example: ??

- Lead Entity:
    - Capacity to develop provider HIT and tools
  - Initial Standards- Integrated Health Home
    - Commit to use of an interoperable patient registry or EHR
    - Ability and willingness to participate in technology infrastructure
  - Ongoing Standards- Integrated Health Home
    - Demonstrated capacity to use HIT to link services, to facilitate communication, and provide feedback to practices
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# HIT in Kansas Health Homes

- Kansas expects that HIT standards for health homes will be established for the lead entity (our KanCare MCOs) as well as the health home partner
- The State expects the MCOs to share expertise and technology infrastructure with community HHPs



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