

News Bytes

Your feed to Florida's Health IT Programs

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News Bytes strives to inform the health care community about Florida's Health Information Technology (Health IT) efforts. This publication contains the latest news, upcoming events, and helpful tips for participation in Florida's Health IT programs.

+ Upcoming Events +

Visit AHCA's booth at the Florida Academy of Family Physicians Meeting

- December 9th– 10th

Florida HIE Program

DSM Registration Webinars

- December 6th at noon
- December 13th at noon
- December 20th at noon

Please visit the program websites for more information

EHR Incentive Program Update



The EHR Incentive Program is well underway since its September 5th launch. As of November 10th, 2011, over \$54 million in incentive payments have been approved to 66 eligible hospitals and 473 eligible professionals. Program staff is beginning work on completing the policies surrounding the next phase of the program: Meaningful Use. Stay tuned for more information.

Florida HIE Program Update



The Florida HIE program launched its first service, Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) in July of this year. The registrants for this program include acute care hospitals, physicians, community mental health centers, clinical laboratories, federally qualified health centers, and county health departments.

Connectivity among the initial participants in the Florida HIE's second service, Patient Look-up and Delivery, is expected to be completed by the end of 2011. The initial participants are Big Bend Regional Health Information Organization; Florida Hospital-Adventist, and Pensacola-based Strategic Health Intelligence, LLC. The Agency has announced the second group of participants, Orlando Health, Atlantic Coast HIE, Florida Department of Health, and Health Choice Network.

And You Asked

Q: My group is applying for the Medicaid incentive payment using group proxy for volume. Do I have to upload the required documentation for each provider or can I just send it once for group members?

A: Each provider participating in the program must register, apply, and attest as an individual. Group proxy only applies to being able to use the group's volume to meet program requirements. Each individual application must have the required documentation uploaded, even if it is the same for each provider

Tip of the Week

Q: Are HIPAA Regulations different when using EHR vs. Paper Records?

A: The only difference in HIPAA regulations for electronic records is that when transmitting information electronically (other than fax) a HIPAA covered entity is supposed to conduct a risk analysis to determine if transmission encryption is enough to safeguard the Personal Health Information (PHI) being transmitted. This means that the covered entity must assess its use of open networks, identify the available means to protect PHI as it is transmitted, select a solution, and document the decision. The Security Rule allows for PHI to be sent over an electronic open network as long as it is adequately protected.

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