

# HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology

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# Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)

▶ **Formed in December 2005**

▶ **Mission:**

The Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) promotes the adoption and effective use of health information technology (HIT) in the safety net community.

**OHIT Includes:**

- Division of Health Information Technology Policy
- Division of Health Information Technology State and Community Assistance
- Office for the Advancement of Telehealth




# HIT Goals for the Safety Net Providers

Bring HIT to America's safety net providers  
which will:

- Improve quality of care
- Reduce health disparities
- Increase efficiency in care delivery systems
- Increase patient safety
- Decrease medical errors
- Prevent a digital divide
- Allow providers to participate in pay for performance

# What OHIT Does

- ▶ Award planning and implementation grants for telehealth, electronic health records, and other health information technology innovations
- ▶ Provide technical assistance to HRSA grantees and staff (e.g., project officers and Office of Performance Review) related to effective HIT adoption and Federal and state policies and legislation
- ▶ Provide leadership and representation for HRSA grantees with Federal and state policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders



# HRSA Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCN)

- ▶ Led by HRSA-funded health centers
- ▶ Supports the creation, development, and operation of networks of safety net providers to ensure access to health care for the medically underserved populations through the enhancement of health center operations, including health information technology

# Advancing HIT through Networks

## ▶ Why Networks?

- Collaboration of health centers and other safety net providers
- Economies of scale/cost efficiencies/volume
- Enhanced efficiencies in business and clinical core areas
- Higher performance and value
- Sharing of expertise and staff among collaborators

# HRSA HIT ARRA HCCN Funds

- ▶ On September 29, 2009, HRSA awarded \$27.8 million to health center-controlled networks and large multi-site health centers to implement electronic health records (EHR) and other health information technology (HIT) innovations.
  - The funds are part of the \$2 billion allotted to HRSA under ARRA.
- ▶ The ARRA funds were released under 2 funding opportunities -
  1. EHR Implementation Grant (HRSA-09-270)
  2. HIT Implementation Grant (HRSA-09-269)

# 1) EHR Implementation Grant

- ▶ Eligibility
  - Health Center Controlled Networks
  - Large multi site health centers with 30 or more sites
- ▶ Objective
  - To implement electronic health records (EHRs)
- ▶ Total Funding: \$8.9 million
- ▶ Number of Awards: 8
- ▶ Project Period
  - 1 Year
- ▶ Activities Supported by Grant
  - Has chosen a certified EHR system and needs additional funds for purchase, training, hardware, and conversion process from paper to electronic
  - Includes networks interested in spreading their capacity to other centers, via ASP or other means

# 2) HIT Implementation Grant

- ▶ Eligibility
  - Health Center Controlled Networks
  - Large Multi Site Health Center with 30 or more sites
- ▶ Objective
  - To improve quality of care and health outcomes via effective use of HIT
- ▶ Total Funding: \$18.9 million
- ▶ Total Number of Awards: 19
- ▶ Project Period
  - 2 years
- ▶ Activities Supported by Grant (including funding per award and number of awards)
  - EHR Implementation (Yr 1 - \$750,000/10 awards)
  - Advanced HIT Innovations (Yr 1 - \$300,000/4 awards)
  - EHR Quality Improvement Project (Yr 1 - \$250,000/5 awards)

# HIT Implementation Grant cont'd

## ▶ Category 1: EHR Implementation

- Chosen a CCHIT-certified EHR system and needs additional funds for purchase, training, hardware, and conversion process from paper to electronic.

## ▶ Category 2: Early Innovations

- Implement projects such as e-prescribing or a disease registry for those orgs that have no HIT infrastructure in place.

## ▶ Category 3: Advanced Innovations

- Enhances and/or builds upon current HIT capacity such as: personal health records, health information exchanges, smart cards, electronic mental or oral health record, or telehealth.

## ▶ Category 4: EHR Quality Improvement Projects

- Supports the utilization of data from an existing CCHIT-certified EHR to improve individual and population health outcomes. Funding enables providers to strengthen existing QI activities to use the data from the EHR to enhance preventative services and health outcomes for health center individuals.

# Summary FY 2009 New Grantees Impact on Health Center Patients (approx)

<b>FY 09 Project Type</b>	<b>Investment Per Project Type</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>Number of Health Centers</b>	<b>Number of Patients Served</b>
EHR Implementation	\$22,677,263	18	76	1,091,282
HIT Innovations	\$2,602,762	4	17	141,682
EHR Quality Improvement	\$2,509,455	5	14	343,236
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,789,480</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,576,200</b>

# “Find an HCCN”

- ▶ HRSA has developed a tool intended to help organizations that might be interested in joining an HCCN, or finding out more about a particular vendor or software product
- ▶ Networks can be searched and identified by name, state, the type of electronic health record/ practice management software they use, or the type of HRSA grant they have received
- ▶ Access by visiting <http://findanetwork.hrsa.gov>

# Technical Assistance Tools Available

- ▶ HRSA Health IT Community
  - Send an email to [healthit@hrsa.gov](mailto:healthit@hrsa.gov)
- ▶ HRSA HIT TA Center
- ▶ HRSA HIT Toolbox
  - <http://healthit.ahrq.gov/toolbox>
- ▶ HIT Workshops
- ▶ HIT Webinars
- ▶ EHR Selection Guidelines
  - [www.hrsa.gov/healthit](http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit)

# HRSA ARRA CIP Funding

- ▶ On June 30, 2009 HRSA announced the release of \$850 million in funding for the CIP program.
  - Approximately 400 health centers are receiving funds for the adoption or expansion of EHR.
  - To see a list of Recovery Act CIP Grantees by state go to [www.hhs.gov/recovery](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery)

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# Awardees for EHR Implementation

1. Alaska Primary Care Association, Inc. - Anchorage, AK
2. Coastal Family Health Center, Inc. - Biloxi, MS
3. Community Health Centers of Arkansas -  
North Little Rock, AR
4. Dena' Nena' Henash dba Tanana Chiefs Conference -  
Fairbanks, AK
5. Georgia Association for Primary Health Care -  
Decatur, GA
6. INConcertCare, Inc. - Urbandale, IA
7. OCHIN - Portland, OR
8. Whatley Health Services, Inc. -Tuscaloosa, AL

# EHR Awardees

1. Clinica Sierra Vista - Bakersfield, CA
2. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless - Denver, CO
3. Community Integrated Services Network of Pennsylvania - Wormleysburg, PA
4. Family Health Centers of San Diego, Inc. - San Diego, CA
5. Greene County Health Care, Inc. - Snowhill, NC
6. Hawaii Primary Care Association - Honolulu, HI
7. Illinois Primary Care Association - Springfield, IL
8. Michigan Primary Care Association - Lansing, MI
9. Near North Health Service Corporation - Chicago, IL
10. Neighborhood Health Care Network - Saint Paul, MN

# HIT Innovations Awardees

1. Alta Med Health Services Corporation - Los Angeles, CA
  - Electronic Oral Health Records
2. Blackstone Valley Community Health Care - Pawtucket, RI
  - Health Information Technology
3. Health Choice Network, Inc. - Miami, FL
  - Electronic Oral Health Records
4. Southbridge Medical Advisory Council, Inc. - Wilmington, DE
  - Health Information Technology

# EHR QI Project Awardees

- 1. Colorado Community Managed Care Network - Denver, CO**
  - Use data from the HCCN's HIE to improve immunization rates for children and implement/measure changes to improve rates.
- 2. Community Health Center - Middletown, CT**
  - Design program to increase % patients with hypertension/HBP with "target" BP control of 80% overall and to eliminate BP control disparity for African-Americans through the use of the EHR.
- 3. El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center - Tucson, AZ**
  - Use EHR data to create reports that track patients & help PCPs manage patients' diseases & drug regimens more effectively.

# EHR QI Project Awardees cont'd

4. The Institute for Family Health - New York, NY
  - Use EHR data to assess risk for developing diabetes or diabetes-related complications, and providing targeted outreach to optimize screening and follow-up care.
5. OCHIN - Portland, OR
  - Use EHR data to identify and implement workflow changes needed to improve care for patients with diabetes.