

## **Technical Assistance for Health IT and Health Information Exchange in Medicaid and SCHIP**

### **RESOURCES**

#### **AHRQ Medicaid SCHIP Information Line for Health IT**

Toll-free hotline: 1-866-253-1627

Project email: [Medicaid-SCHIP-HIT@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:Medicaid-SCHIP-HIT@ahrq.hhs.gov)

#### **AHRQ National Resource Center for Health IT**

<http://healthit.ahrq.gov>

- Includes a knowledge library, a literacy guide for Health IT, reviews of state Health Information Exchange plans, and a toolkit for maintaining privacy and security.

#### **Center for Information Technology of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

<http://www.cit.nih.gov/home.asp>

- The purpose of the Center for Information Technology is to provide, coordinate and manage IT and to advance computational science in the health care field. This site contains a knowledge library on a variety of technical topics, from data warehousing to IT security.

#### **Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS): Information Technology Page**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InfoTechGenInfo/>

- Provides resources on data applications and database administration, and information to help agencies with initiation, implementation, and operation of Medicare HETS User Interface (UI) and HETS 270/271 - Extranet Transaction Submission. The website also includes a link to the CMS strategic plan for Health IT.

#### **e-Health Initiative toolkit for Health IT**

<http://toolkit.ehealthinitiative.org/>

- The e-Health Initiative is an independent organization that develops tools to help agencies improve their Health IT and Health Information Exchange. Their website provides a toolkit to guide states, regions, and communities in developing and implementing Health IT programs.

#### **Health Resource & Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Health IT**

<http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/>

- Provides general information on Health IT initiatives across the country, as well as a forum for communities and agencies to exchange ideas and information related to their experiences implementing Health IT.

### **NASMD Multi-State Collaboration for Medicaid Transformation**

[http://www.nasmd.org/issues/medicaid\\_transformation.asp](http://www.nasmd.org/issues/medicaid_transformation.asp)

- Established to support and advance the use of Electronic Health Records and Health Information Exchange technology. Any state Medicaid program can join the Collaboration and participate in user groups, training, planning, and development activities.

### **National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST)**

<http://www.nist.gov>

- NIST is a non-regulatory federal agency responsible for promoting U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness through the advancement of measurement science, standards and technology. Their website contains a library of reference materials and other documents that help guide IT implementation in various industries, including health care.

### **Office of the National Coordinator (DHHS): Center for Health IT**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/>

- Provides information on Health IT Certification, data and technical standards, privacy and security, and HHS news releases related to Health IT. Among them:

#### **Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/healthnetwork/background/>

- Provides information regarding ONC efforts to advance the development of a nationwide health information network, and past and current prototype and trial implementation projects

#### **Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)**

<http://www.hitsp.org>

- HITSP is the national body responsible for identifying, evaluating and recommending technical standard for interoperable health information exchanges. This site provides information about the current standards recommended and the process for advancing such standards

#### **Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)**

<http://www.cchit.org>

- CCHIT is an independent, voluntary, private initiative and a recognized certification body (RCB) for electronic health records and their networks. This site contains information about certification criteria, the process for obtaining certification and the electronic health records products (and in the future, network services) that have received certification supportive of interoperable standards for health information exchange.