

**Health Resources and Services
Administration
American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act Investments
for Health Information Technology**

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Helps provide safety net of health care services to 20 million people each year - about 1 in every 15 Americans.
- Budget approximately \$7 billion in FY09.
- Six bureaus: Maternal and Child Health, HIV/AIDS, Primary Health Care, Health Professions, Health Systems, and Clinician Recruitment and Service.
- Other offices include Rural Health Policy, Minority Health and Health Disparities, International Health, Health Information Technology, and the Center for Quality.

Health Information Technology (HIT) Goals for Safety Net Providers

- Bring HIT to America's safety net providers to:
 - 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 payment reform and meaningful use incentive payments

HRSA and HIT

- Award planning and implementation grants for telehealth, electronic health records (EHR), and other HIT innovations.
- Provide technical assistance to HRSA grantees and staff 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)

- Supports the creation, development, and operation of networks of health centers and other 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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- The Recovery Act has directed \$2 billion to HRSA to expand some of our primary health care programs
- Another \$300 million is intended to support the National Health Service Corps
- An additional \$200 million will support our health professions programs

HRSA ARRA for Health Centers

- New Access Point Grants
 - \$155 million grant funds to establish 126 new health centers
- Increased Demand for Services (IDS) Grants
 - \$338 million grant funds to expand services offered at the nation's community health centers
 - Distributed to 1,128 federally qualified health center grantees

HRSA ARRA for Health Centers

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Purpose: Construction, repair and renovation of over 1,500 health center sites
 - Over 650 centers using funds to purchase new equipment or HIT
 - Nearly 400 health centers expanding use of EHRs
 - \$851 million total
- Facility Investment Program (FIP)
 - Purpose: Address major facility improvement needs in health centers
 - 85 grants awarded
 - \$508.5 million total

HRSA HIT ARRA Funds

- On September 29, 2009, HRSA awarded \$27.8 million to HCCNs and large multi-site health centers to implement EHR and other HIT innovations.
 - The funds are part of the \$2 billion allotted to HRSA under ARRA.
 - 18 Awards to adopt and implement EHRs
 - 4 Awards to implement Innovative HIT (HIE, PHR, etc)
 - 5 Awards to use data from EHR to further advance quality and care coordination

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

FY 09 Project Type	Investment Per Project Type	Number of Awards	Number of Health Centers	Number of Patients Served
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
Total	\$27,789,480	27	107	1,576,200

EHR Awardees

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

ARRA 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

ARRA 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 Exchange
3. Health Choice Network, Inc. Miami, FL
 - Electronic Oral Health Records
4. Southbridge Medical Advisory Council, Inc. Wilmington, DE
 - Health Information Exchange

ARRA EHR Quality Improvement 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.

ARRA EHR Quality Improvement 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.

HRSA HIT ARRA Funds cont'd

- On December 9, 2009, President Obama announced an additional \$88 million to promote adoption of HIT, including EHRs, among community health centers
- Purpose: To enhance current HCCNs' organizational and information technology capacity to provide additional HIT services in support of ARRA funded acquisitions of EHR and HIT systems by community health centers and HCCNs.
- HIT Implementation Grant for Health Center Controlled Networks (HRSA-10-154)

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