



# Getting Ready for Meaningful Use

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# What Sites Need to Do Now



- Attend OIT Meaningful Use training sessions
- Read the CMS requirements in the proposed rule and final rule, once it is released
- Understand what is needed to achieve Meaningful Use (i.e. the performance measures)
- Identify MU Coordinator and Team Members
- Assess incentive program eligibility
- If you have the RPMS EHR, ensure you have a full implementation of it, including all inpatient units
- Start the process **NOW** to get the RPMS EHR, if you do not have it already


# What Sites Need to Do Now (cont'd)

- Ensure your facility has an EHR CAC (Clinical Applications Coordinator)
- Assess other facility needs for the RPMS EHR (servers, laptops, broadband)
- Begin assessment of business process changes needed to meet MU, such as:
  - CPOE rate (80% for providers, 10% for hospitals)
  - Submitting claims electronically
  - Screening patients 13+ for tobacco use
  - Make sure you are recording both weight **and** height for all patients so a BMI can be calculated



# Next Steps - OIT

- Complete identification of gaps in RPMS and continue adding the needed functionality
- Collaborate with the Areas and the Improving Patient Care (IPC) Team to work with the sites to ensure we all meet Meaningful Use
  - Form a National MU/IPC Team that will consist of representatives from the following groups to inform and guide the effort
    - OIT Meaningful Use Team, IPC sites, Areas, and the National IPC Team



## Next Steps – OIT (cont'd)

- After the CMS final rule is released, identify all changes to Meaningful Use requirements and communicate the changes to I/T/U facilities and leadership and identify any changes needed to RPMS
- Continue outreach
- Plan for collaboration with the newly awarded Regional Extension Center to the National Indian Health Board



# Bottom Line

- Achieving Meaningful Use does not simply mean installing a certified EHR - it is just the beginning.
- A lot of work is required by the IHS OIT, the Area Offices, and the hospitals and providers that will apply for the incentives.
- The requirements for achieving Meaningful Use are not final yet and are subject to change. However, we cannot wait until they are released. Work must start now.



# Contact Information

- **IHS Meaningful Use Website**

- [http://www.ihs.gov/recovery/index.cfm?module=dsp\\_arra\\_meaningful\\_use](http://www.ihs.gov/recovery/index.cfm?module=dsp_arra_meaningful_use)

- **Sign up for the Meaningful Use listserv (see instructions at the top of the Meaningful Use website)**

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