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1,000 Healthcare Providers Sign Up For EHR and Meaningful Use Support from HealthInsight

The HealthInsight Regional Extension Center for Health Information Technology (REC) Enrolls Primary Care Providers, Helping to Ensure Improved Patient Care and Bringing Federal Stimulus Incentives to the Region

Salt Lake City, UT - The *HealthInsight* Regional Extension Center announced today that 1,000 primary care providers in the region have signed up to receive assistance in adopting and using electronic health records (EHRs). Achieving meaningful use of EHRs will improve patient care and qualify providers for federal stimulus incentive payments.

"While the use of electronic medical records in the United States has lagged behind that in other countries, our experience suggests that we may be at a tipping point given the enthusiastic response of physicians to this program. It is apparent that primary care providers in Nevada and Utah are eagerly engaged in efforts to achieve meaningful use of health information technology, and ultimately to improve the quality of patient care," says Marc Bennett, President and CEO of *HealthInsight*.

HealthInsight is one of 62 Regional Extension Centers across the U.S. offering healthcare providers [technical assistance, guidance](#), and information on best practices to support and accelerate efforts to become meaningful users of EHRs.

"It's great to know healthcare providers are taking advantage of the *HealthInsight* resources," said Dr. Robert Rolfs, Deputy Director of Utah Department of Health and State Health Information Technology Coordinator. "This important work to help doctors adopt and use health information technology will help them provide better care for their patients, improve the health of people in Utah, and contribute to lowering the cost of health care."

Regional Extension Center (REC) assistance goes beyond helping primary care providers select and implement EHRs. The underlying goal of the program is ultimately to transform healthcare and improve the quality of patient care. The REC also provides valuable guidance for maximizing workflow processes and increasing the efficiency of paperless practices. REC services help eligible providers reach "meaningful use" as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and qualify for incentive payments of up to \$63,750 each.

According to David Sayen, CMS Regional Administrator for Nevada, "Electronic medical records will mean better health, lower costs, and higher quality care for residents of the Silver State. I'm delighted that *HealthInsight* and the Nevada medical community are leading the way."

Enrollment is still open for eligible Nevada and Utah providers. For more information, visit our website at www.healthinsight.org.

About *HealthInsight*

HealthInsight was awarded through an objective review process by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), as the designated organization in Nevada and Utah to support primary health care providers on EHR adoption and meaningful use.

HealthInsight is a private, non-profit, community based organization dedicated to improving health and health care. *HealthInsight* is an NRHI regional health improvement collaborative; an AHRQ-designated Chartered Value Exchange (CVE); an RWJ Foundation AF4Q community; a Medicare QIO, a state EQRO; a Regional Extension Center (REC) for Health Information Technology; an ONC Beacon Community; and a community health information exchange (HIE) organization.

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