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HealthInsight Enrolls Over 1400 Healthcare Providers in an Effort to Advance Electronic Health Records *Regional Extension Center in Nevada and Utah achieves enrollment goal*

Salt Lake City –*HealthInsight*, a private, nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to improving health and healthcare announced today that it has met its initial enrollment goal of over 1,400 health care providers in Nevada and Utah, as part of the national effort to accelerate the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs).

“As Nevada moves toward an electronically-enabled health care system, *HealthInsight* is playing an important role by supporting clinicians as they transition from paper-based medical records to electronic health record systems, or EHRs,” said Lynn O’Mara, State Health Information Technology Coordinator. “Nevada’s health care providers are continuously working to improve the quality and delivery of health care. Today’s announcement about the increasing adoption of EHRs demonstrates this dedication and effort.”

EHRs enable healthcare providers to have ready access to vital information about a patient’s medical history in order to diagnose health problems earlier, provide proactive treatments, and improve patient outcomes. These technologies can help lower healthcare system costs by eliminating unnecessary or duplicative tests, reducing errors, and improving clinical decision-making. EHRs can also improve communication between healthcare providers, including referrals between primary care providers and specialists.

“EHRs will revolutionize the way health care is delivered in the U.S. by arming physicians with more information about their patients, which will in turn help them make better treatment decisions,” said Sharon Donnelly, Vice President, Strategic Development, *HealthInsight*. “By accelerating the adoption of EHRs and other health information technologies, *HealthInsight* is helping clinicians provide safer, higher-quality care for patients in Utah.”

HealthInsight was designated by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology (ONC) as one of 62 national Regional Extension Centers (RECs). The REC program was established by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help health care providers transition to electronic health records and achieve federal meaningful use guidelines to maximize the functionality and benefits of an EHR system. Eligible health care providers who demonstrate meaningful use of EHRs can receive as much as \$44,000 over a five-year period through Medicare or \$63,750 over six years through Medicaid. Though *HealthInsight* has met its initial program enrollment goal, the REC continues to offer technical support to healthcare providers throughout the state to advance the adoption of EHRs and offer guidance and information on best practices.

“Our electronic medical records system is now helping us take better care of our patients,” remarked Dr. Roark Neville, one of four family practitioners at Davis Family Physicians in Layton, Utah. “Working with *HealthInsight*, we have identified ways to monitor our patient’s illnesses and document improvement. We are now better organized and more efficient.”

Providers seeking more information about implementing an electronic health record system are encouraged to contact *HealthInsight* at by phone at 1-800-483-0932 or by email at rec@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 Utah and Nevada 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); 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.

HealthInsight is a recognized leader in quality improvement; transparency and public reporting; health information technology programs; healthcare system delivery and payment reform efforts; and human factors science research and application. *HealthInsight* has offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Visit our website at www.healthinsight.org.

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