



## THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information  
Exchange Newsletter!



### Special Points of Interest

As of November 10, 2014:

- ⇒ KHIE has 672 signed participation agreements (representing 2,542 locations)
- ⇒ A total of 1,025 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see Page 5 for more details)
- ⇒ 80% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE
- ⇒ \$173,908,423.49 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ \$260,759,117.74 has been paid to Medicare hospitals and providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program, June 2014
- ⇒ KHIE averages over 250,000 queries per week

Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange monthly newsletter! Here you will find valuable information about KHIE. KHIE is situated in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and works with providers across the Commonwealth to build a state-wide health information highway where providers can access critical patient health information from various points of care. The strategic goals of KHIE are to: promote and increase the adoption and use of health information technology and health information exchange within and across state borders and the nation. KHIE also assists with and facilitates state-wide meaningful use initiatives and provides governance and oversight to the statewide health information exchange.

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## Did You Know?

You can access the KY Direct Catalog to search for providers with direct email addresses across the state and register your own address? Click [here](#) to visit our website for more details!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE HEALTH IT COORDINATOR **POLLY MULLINS-BENTLEY**



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange! This month, I would like to spend some time reflecting on the HIE and its progress. Though we have come a long way since our inception, we have a ways to go toward enhancing our service lines and building out a value-based HIE ultimately to improve overall health, retain costs, and improve care for patients at the point of care. I would also like to express my thanks during the month of Thanksgiving, to our participant's across the state. Your efforts toward building out the HIE, working on Meaningful Use initiatives and enhancing statewide interoperability have not gone unnoticed—we thank you for your diligence. I also want to spend some time thanking the folks on my team that help build out the HIE. Without these individuals we would cease to operate—I thank you for your hard work and perseverance.

I encourage each of you to continue your efforts and ask that you work toward envisioning a robust health IT landscape in the state of Kentucky, with patient-centered care at the forefront. Thank you again for your concerted goals of advancing HIT initiatives across the state. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and month of November! To view staff photos of our Halloween party, please refer to page 6!

Sincerely,

*Polly*

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ



## **ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS: MEETING MEANINGFUL USE IN 2015 WITH 2014 EDITION CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY (CEHRT)**

The 2015 program year for the EHR Incentive Programs begins on October 1, 2014 for eligible hospitals. Medicare eligible hospitals beyond their first year of participation have a 365-day EHR reporting period.

All eligible hospitals are required to have 2014 Edition certified EHR technology (CEHRT) to be able to successfully participate in 2015. Some hospital objectives require that 2014 Edition CEHRT be in place for the entire reporting year, while others may only need to be in place for part of the year.

### **Objectives Requiring CEHRT Functionality for the Full Year**

Objectives that require 2014 Edition CEHRT be in place for the entire reporting year:

1. Stage 1 Drug-Drug / Drug-Allergy Interaction Checks
2. Stage 2 Clinical Decision Support for Drug-Drug / Drug-Allergy

Please note: interruption during the reporting period is allowed for reasons such as system maintenance.

### **Public Health Objectives Flexibility**

Some objectives require a test for the first demonstration, and then require ongoing submission. These objectives give eligible hospitals 60 days from the start of the reporting period to allow time for things like successfully registering, onboarding with the registry, and submitting a test. This inherently provides some flexibility for getting their 2014 Edition CEHRT in place later and submit ongoing from that point forward:

1. Stage 1 and Stage 2 Immunization Registries Data Submission
2. Stage 1 and Stage 2 Electronic Reportable Lab Results
3. Stage 1 and Stage 2 Syndromic Surveillance Data Submission

This flexibility is only allowed if it complies with local and state laws. Some states may require retroactive submission of the data from the beginning of the year if there is a delay in implementation.

### **Threshold Objectives Flexibility**

For all of the threshold objectives (those with a numerator and denominator), the eligible hospital must meet the threshold to meet the measure(s) and objective. Eligible hospitals may not need to have 2014 Edition CEHRT in place for the full year to be able to meet the threshold for these objectives.

If the eligible hospital meets the threshold during the reporting period, it meets the measure whether or not the function was in place for the full year.

### **For More Information**

To learn more about the requirements for each objective, review the Stage 1 and Stage 2 specification sheets. Visit the EHR website for more program information and

resources.



## **KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM** **POINTERS OF THE MONTH**

### **DEADLINES:**

Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) must submit their attestations for Program Year 2014 for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2014.

Eligible Professionals (EPs) must have their attestations for Program Year 2014 submitted prior to 11:59 pm March 31, 2015.

The last day to submit Hardship Exception applications for 2015 Medicare Payment Adjustment is November 30, 2014.

### **ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS:**

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### **ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS:**

Any EP who is currently under review for a Program Year 2013 attestation should contact the EHR Incentive Program office at 502-564-0105 extension 2480 or [Incentives@ky.gov](mailto:Incentives@ky.gov) as soon as possible to avoid possible rejection.

### **CONTACT:**

- There are several methods to contact us. On the left-hand navigation menu on the attestation website you can select to submit an issue/concern or you can click the Send E-mail function.
- Please visit the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Website at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm> for information and educational resources.



## NEW! LIVE CONNECTIONS

### STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,025 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE’s footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below.

### NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Bon Secours Kentucky Health System Inc., Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital
- Carey-ing Family Medical Clinic
- CCMH Corporation, Carroll County Memorial Hospital
- Commonwealth Health Corporation, Inc., The Medical Center at Franklin and The Medical Center at Scottsville
- Ertel Medicine and Pediatrics, PSC-Powell and Clark County locations
- Houk, Brandon L MD, PSC
- Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Associates, PSC
- New Lexington Clinic, PSC (40 locations)
- Oncology Hematology Care, Inc (Campbell, Kenton, Mason, and Grant County locations)
- Pineville Community Hospital Association, Inc., Pineville Community Hospital

- Russell County, KY Hospital District Health Facilities., Russell County Hospital
- St. Claire Regional Medical Center
- Suh, Yoo Taik, MD
- St. Elizabeth Physicians, Aurora Business Health and Aurora Primary Care

### COMMUNITY PORTAL (VHR) SCHEDULED TRAININGS

The following hospitals have upcoming community portal trainings:

- Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital
- Trigg County Hospital

### DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING

The following organizations are live on KHIE’s Health Information Service Provider:

- Commonwealth Health Corporation (outbound only)
- Community United Methodist (outbound only)
- Ephraim McDowell Health
- Hardin Memorial Hospital (outbound only)
- Harrison Memorial Hospital
- Kings Daughter’s Medical Center (Ashland Health Corporation)
- King’s Daughters Health, Madison Acute
- King’s Daughters Health, Madison Ambulatory (outbound only)
- Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, Inc.

- Mercy Health Partners-Lourdes (outbound only)

#### Others:

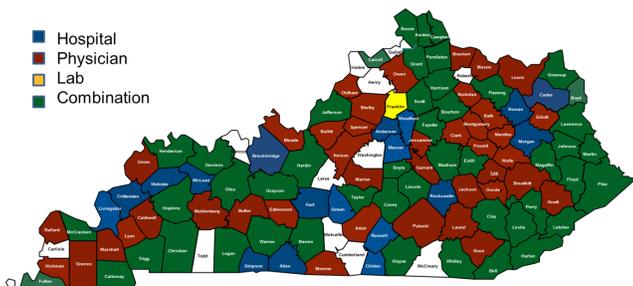
- Kentucky Immunization Registry
- State Lab (Microbiology) (Franklin)
- Grundy, VA
- Hamilton, OH
- Indiana
- Pennyroyal Behavioral Health Centers

- Murray Calloway County (outbound only)
- Norton Healthcare, Inc
- St. Claire Regional Medical Center (outbound only)
- Taylor Regional Hospital (outbound only)
- Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center

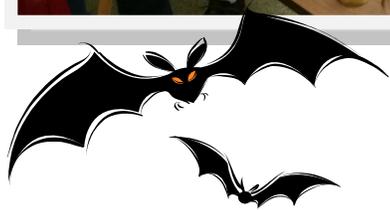
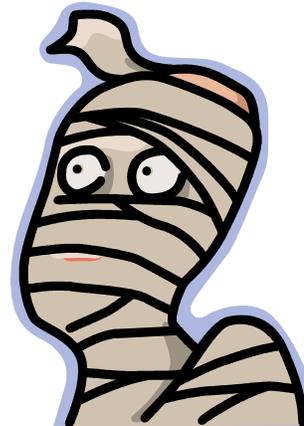
### DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING

The following providers are live on KHIE’s Direct secure messaging web-portal:

- Allen County Health Department
- Bishop Soenneker Home, Inc.
- Bullitt County Health Department
- Carmel Home
- Christian County Health Department
- Franklin County Home Health Department
- Graves County Health Department
- Greenup County Health Department
- Hardin Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility
- Health South Lakeview Rehabilitation
- Hopkins County Health Department
- Lincoln Trail District Health Department
- Miller’s Merry Manor
- Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department
- Pike County Health Department
- Cedar Ridge Health Campus
- Wedco District Health Department
- Wellington Parc Health Systems



# STAFF HALLOWEEN PHOTOS





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**Connect with KHIE**  
Offering a safe and secure connection for the exchange of electronic health data .  
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**EHR Incentive Program**  
Eligible providers and hospitals may qualify for monetary incentives.  
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**Meaningful Use**  
Learn more about how KHIE can support your Meaningful Use efforts.  
[Learn More](#)



**News and Resources**  
Read recent press releases, view a provider map and more.  
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### Hot Topics

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**[Kentucky's NPRM Comments](#)**  
Monday, July 21, 2014  
View the collective NPRM comments from providers and key meaningful use stakeholders

### 2014 eHealth Summit

The 2014 eHealth Summit location information is available.  
[Read all about it.](#)

### KHIE History

[Read about the history of the Kentucky Health Information Exchange.](#)

### Connected Providers



[Select a county from the map to find out who is connected.](#)

### Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? [Fill out this form to contact KHIE.](#)



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