

THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



Points of Interest

As of December 15, 2014:

- ⇒ KHIE has 697 signed participation agreements (representing 2,583 locations)
- ⇒ A total of 1,033 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see Page 6 for more details)
- ⇒ 80% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE
- ⇒ \$176,384,677.59 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

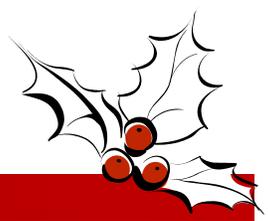
Here you will find valuable information about KHIE. KHIE is situated in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and works with providers across the Commonwealth to build a state-wide health information highway where providers can access critical patient health information from various points of care. 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?

Attestation deadlines to submit to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Eligible Providers have been extended by one additional month! To learn more see [page 4](#).



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



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and happy holidays! This month I would like to spend some time reflecting on a very valuable team member who is retiring from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in December. Mary Gaetz has been with the Cabinet for 27 years and has spent the last four years working at the Kentucky Health Information Exchange. With a bachelor's in science from the University of Kentucky, Mary currently serves as the patient engagement coordinator, staff assistant, events coordinator, and truly my personal confidant.

Mary also serves on the National eHealth Collaborative Consumer Engagement Advisory Committee, is chapter President of the Bluegrass Chapter Society of Government Meeting Professionals, and is a Health Information Management Services Society (HIMSS) member. In addition to serving in these roles, Mary has also devoted her time toward the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC) whilst at the Cabinet, and has represented the KHIE office as the wellness coordinator.

Additionally, Mary also organizes the annual statewide eHealth Summit; last year alone the Summit exceeded 250 attendees. Mary has been a tremendous asset to the team and will be deeply missed. Her tireless efforts and loyalty to the health information exchange and the Cabinet have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. As a sign of our gratitude, please join me in thanking Mary for her contributions to the KHIE and the Cabinet, and wishing her luck in her future endeavors during retirement.

Happy holidays to all and I look forward to meeting in 2015!

Sincerely,

Polly

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT MARY GAETZ



Thank you Mary for your efforts at the Cabinet. We greatly appreciate your hard work and wish you the best of luck during retirement!

*Sincerely,
The KHIE team*

Thank you Mary!

KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

POINTERS OF THE MONTH

DEADLINES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED:

The attestation deadlines for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program have been extended for EHs, CAHs and EPs by one additional month! 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 January 30, 2015**.

Eligible Professionals (EPs) must have their attestations for Program Year 2014 submitted prior to **11:59 pm April 30, 2015**.



PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS:

Payment adjustments were established with the HITECH Act. Any provider who is a Medicare provider, no matter which EHR Incentive Program they are attesting to, Medicare or Medicaid, is subject to the payment adjustment. In order to avoid a 2016 payment adjustment, providers must demonstrate meaningful use in Program Year 2014 or apply for a hardship exception. Applications for the hardship exception are due by **April 1, 2015** for eligible hospitals and **July 1, 2015** for eligible professionals.

SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS:

If you are a provider participating in the EHR Incentive Programs, conducting or reviewing a security risk analysis is required to meet [Stage 1](#) and [Stage 2](#) of meaningful use. On December 3, 2014 CMS issued new guidance for when to complete a security risk analysis as required to meet the Meaningful Use requirements. This guidance noted that a Security Risk Analysis needs to be conducted or reviewed during each program year for Stage 1 and Stage 2 and prior to attestation. Security risk analyses help your organization ensure it is compliant with HIPAA's [administrative, physical, and technical safeguards](#); this ongoing process also helps reveal areas where your organization's electronic protected health information (e-PHI) could be at risk. Meeting this objective can help you avoid and address common security gaps that lead to cyber-attack or data loss, which helps protect your practice, information, technology, and the people you serve. Resources for Security Risk Analyses are available at www.CMS.gov. To help providers understand what's required to meet this core objective, created a [Security Risk Analysis Tipsheet](#) available on the [Educational Resources](#) page that includes:

- Steps for conducting a security risk analysis
 - How to create an action plan
 - Security areas to consider and potential courses of action
- Myths and facts about conducting or reviewing a security risk analysis

This information is also available as an intermediate level resource on [eHealth University](#) online. If you are a provider working with a REC, ask how they can help!

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POINTERS OF THE MONTH

SUMMARY OF CARE

This confirms the applicable requirements if a provider at Stage 2 in 2014 wishes to take advantage of the limited exception allowed under the Flexibility Rule for Measure 2 of the Summary of Care Objective. Measure 2 requires the electronic transmission of the summary of care using a CEHRT for more than 10% of transitions of care. The limited exception is for sending providers who are not able to meet the 10 % threshold because the intermediary or the recipient of the transition or referral is experiencing delays in the ability to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT.



1. The limited exception only applies if the reason for not meeting the 10% is because the recipients of the transitions or referrals were impacted by issues related to 2014 CEHRT availability delays.
2. Sending providers taking advantage of this limited exception must retain documentation clearly demonstrating that they were unable to meet the 10% threshold for the measure because the recipients of the transitions or referrals were impacted by issues related to 2014 CEHRT availability delays.
2. A sending provider at Stage 2 in 2014 who wishes to take advantage of the Summary of Care Measure 2 exception, may attest to the 2014 Stage 1 objectives and measures for the EHR reporting period in 2014. In other words, if the sending provider opts to take advantage of the Summary of Care Measure 2 exception, they are to attest to all 2014 Stage 1 objectives and measures (they may not attest using a mix of Stage 1 and Stage 2 objectives and measures).

For further explanation, please see the last column on page 52921 of the CEHRT Flexibility Rule

Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs)

Providers that have a fully implemented 2014 CEHRT with the ability to produce a QRDA III file is encouraged to submit their CQMs electronically. For those providers who do not have a fully implemented 2014 CEHRT, Kentucky Medicaid is implementing attestation screens that will give providers the ability to manually enter data for reporting their CQMs. Please be patient as it will take time to develop these screens.

NEW! LIVE CONNECTIONS

STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION

EXCHANGE

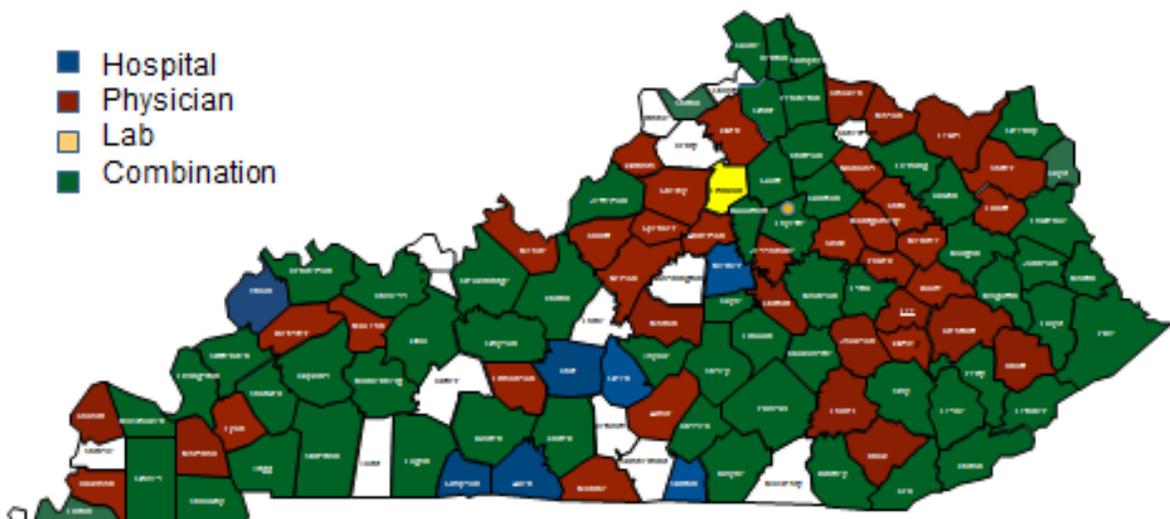
The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,033 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE’s footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below.

NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Big Sandy Healthcare, Inc
 - ⇒ Eula Hall Health Center
 - ⇒ Hope Family Medical Center
 - ⇒ Martin County Community Health Center
 - ⇒ Mud Creek Clinic
 - ⇒ Mud Creek Dental Clinic
 - ⇒ Physicians for Women Center
 - ⇒ Shelby Valley Clinic
- Bluegrass Retina Consultants, PSC
 - ⇒ Frankfort
 - ⇒ Lexington
 - ⇒ Somerset
 - ⇒ Danville
 - ⇒ Richmond
- Edwards Clinic, PSC
- Family Practice Care, LLC
- Freeman Family Practice, LLC
- Mercy Health Partners-Lourdes, Inc
 - ⇒ Mercy Health Clinic of Lee County
 - ⇒ Mercy Health Clinic of Powell County
 - ⇒ Mercy Medical Associates—Mercy Cardiology Associates
 - ⇒ Mercy Medical Associates—Mercy Family Care Lyon County
 - ⇒ Mercy Medical Associates—Mercy Gastroenterology

- Hospital
- Physician
- Lab
- Combination



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



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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.
[Learn More](#)



Meaningful Use
Learn more about how KHIE can support your Meaningful Use efforts.
[Learn More](#)



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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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