



THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



Quick Stats:

As of January 13, 2015:

- ⇒ KHIE has 723 signed participation agreements (representing 2,751 locations)
- ⇒ A total of 1,033 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see [Page 4](#) for more details)
- ⇒ 90% 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
- ⇒ KHIE averages over 250,000 queries per week

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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 3](#).

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



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and happy New Year! The past year has proven to be a challenge for all of us working in health care and health IT. We at KHIE are thrilled to welcome a new year as it grants us the opportunity to start anew—refreshed and ready to take on new and exciting tasks in 2015. I would like to spend some time discussing our theme for 2015: the next generation of KHIE. KHIE is currently undergoing an upgrade to better support interoperability. Although we do facilitate meaningful use, our main goal has been to continue to work hard toward building a health information exchange to support care coordination.

Additionally, we have been involved in several new initiatives, such as our work with onboarding correctional facilities and behavioral health organizations. Onboarding these groups is key in enhancing the utility of the KHIE as it affords the health information exchange with more robust data that can be used improve care coordination efforts and overall health and wellbeing for Kentuckians.

It goes without saying that one of the biggest use cases of an HIE is its role in disaster recovery and emergency situations. During these winter months, it is possible that ice and snow can create a situation in which accessing KHIE will be a key resource in administering care at the right place and the right time. We feel strongly that the KHIE is an invaluable resource overall, however, its utility is fully realized and greatly enhanced during emergency situations.

Thank you again for your hard efforts in 2014 and I look forward to working with each of you in 2015. With your help, we can effectively position ourselves in the right direction, toward advancing interoperability, improving care coordination and enriching the health of all Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

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Happy New Year



KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

POINTERS OF THE MONTH

ATTESTATION DEADLINE EXTENDED:

Attestation deadlines for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program have been extended. Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) must submit their attestation by **11:59 pm on January 30, 2015**. Eligible Professionals (EPs) must submit their attestations by **11:59 pm on April 30, 2015**.



PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION:

Payment adjustments were established with the HITECH Act. Any provider who is a Medicare provider regardless of the EHR Incentive Program they attest to, Medicare or Medicaid, is subject to the payment adjustment. Providers who received the PQRS payment adjustment letter who would like to verify their status regarding the adjustment have two methods available. Providers can go online to the Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal at https://www.qualitynet.org/portal/server.pt/community/pgri_home/212. Scroll down the main portal page looking on the left side to locate the PQRS Look Up function. The provider enters the TIN and NPI. A message will be returned confirming incentive payment for 2013 participation or confirming payment adjustment as a result of non-participation in reporting year 2013. Or providers may contact the QualityNet Helpdesk, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am–7:00 pm CT at qnetsupport@hcqis.org, phone 866-288-8912 or fax 888-329-7377.

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 EHs and CAHs and **July 1, 2015** for EPs.

REPORTING CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

The policy to submit CQMs electronically has been relaxed to enable providers attesting to Program Year 2014 who cannot export a QRDA III file from their EHR software to manually enter the CQMs. The screens are in the process of being developed but will not be available for provider use until approximately mid-February. If your EHR software can export a QRDA III file, it is highly encouraged to submit CQMs electronically via attestation.

CONTACT US

The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team may be contacted in the event of questions or issues. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Email us at EHRIncentives@ky.gov, ask questions or describe issues through the Issues/Concerns section within the attestation website or call us at 502-564-0105 extension 2480.

CONNECTION UPDATES

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. Click the map to view all of KHIE’s connections across the state.

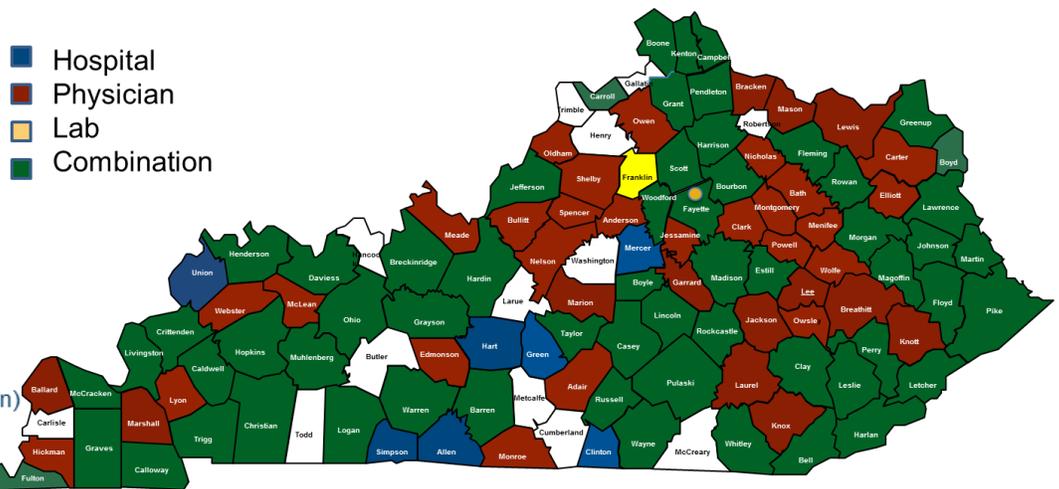
NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Taylor Regional Hospital
- Kentuckiana Allergy, PSC. Locations include: Bullitt, Cedar Center, Chamberlain, Corydon, Dixie, Dupont, Jeffersonville and Jefferson.

DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING

Currently the KHIE has 335 live points of care on Direct secure messaging, including both EHR connections as well as access to the provider web portal for those without EHR technology.



Others:

- Kentucky Immunization Registry
- State Lab (Microbiology) (Franklin)
- Grundy, VA
- Hamilton, OH
- Indiana
- Pennyroyal Behavioral Health Ctrs
- Lexington Fayette County Detention Center ●



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Offering a safe and secure connection for the exchange of electronic health data .

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EHR Incentive Program

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KHIE History

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

Providers submitting live data to KHIE



[Select a county from the map to find out who is connected to the KHIE and submitting live data.](#)

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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