



# THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



## Special Points of Interest

As of March 17, 2014:

⇒ KHIE has 556 signed participation agreements (representing 1,691 locations)

⇒ A total of 762 [provider locations](#) are submitting [live data](#) and exchanging information (see Page 5 for more details)

⇒ 80% of hospitals in KY are live on KHIE

⇒ Over \$161,000,000 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

⇒ KHIE is averaging over 100,000 queries per week

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KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and allows providers to access the right information at the right time in order to make the right decisions. KHIE also facilitates providers in meeting several objectives of Stages 1 and 2 of the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program. Overall, the KHIE works to fulfill the three-part aim: better care, lower costs, improved public health.

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## Did You Know?

KHIE has created two new public health reporting and attestation guidance documents for [Stage 1](#) and [Stage 2](#) of the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program. The documents serve to help guide eligible providers and hospitals across the commonwealth to meet the public health reporting requirements for Meaningful Use. The documents can be found online at [KHIE.ky.gov](http://KHIE.ky.gov). KHIE has also released a [Key Considerations for 2014](#) memorandum to complement the guidance documents.

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



Greetings, and happy March from the KY Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information!

It looks like we are in the dawn of warmer weather and spring is *finally* upon us! We at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information are gearing up for what may be a one of the busiest times in healthcare information technology and the delivery system as a whole. As I mentioned last month, we are preparing for what will be a year of transformation and innovation. The changes within 2014 and Meaningful Use have prompted our team to not only streamline our current processes by undergoing an internal data migration (which will allow for better and more accurate information with added reporting functionality) but also develop more comprehensive guidance, including two new 2014 Public Health Reporting and Attestation Guidance documents for eligible hospitals and providers in [Stage 1](#) and [Stage 2](#). As the public health authority for Meaningful Use in the state of Kentucky, we are determined to assist providers across the state in accessing accurate and timely patient health information through the use of the HIE.

Please feel free to browse this newsletter for the latest statistics and information regarding KHIE operations, connections across the state and Meaningful Use updates. Within this issue, you will find the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, "Pointers of the Month" which highlights key ideas within the program, reminders regarding Meaningful Use, important dates, and pertinent contact information. On page 4, you will find KHIE's upcoming events and a spotlight on the Kentucky HealthIT Fellows in Spring 2014.

I look forward to working with you in the future and embarking on this Health IT journey together!  
Sincerely,

*Polly*

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ

## **KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

### **POINTERS OF THE MONTH**

#### **REMINDERS:**

- EPs attesting for Program Year 2013 must submit their attestation prior to 12:00 midnight, March 31, 2014.
- EPs can begin attesting as a Meaningful User for Program Year 2014 on April 1, 2014.
- KCHIP reports requests are automated and are to be completed through the EHR attestation website. Instructions are located on the EHR website under Publications.

#### **90 DAY PATIENT VOLUME:**

- Confirm how your practice bills! If every provider in the practice submits claims with their individual NPI in the rendering **and** billing fields, it would not behoove the provider to calculate patient volume at the group level. Patient volume would never be verified in this case as the patient encounter data is “housed” under the individual NPI not the group NPI.
- When calculating patient volume at the group level, the encounter data must be from all providers in the practice not the individual provider attesting.

#### **MEANINGFUL USE:**

- In order for all providers to meet Meaningful Use in any Stage, a signed Participation Agreement along with the appropriate signed addendum must be completed with KHIE.
- Providers are now required to upload their KHIE Meaningful Use Confirmation and KHIE Go-Live Approval forms when attesting to MU.

#### **CONTACT US:**

- To submit an issue/concern via email, please access the left hand navigation bar on the attestation website and click [Send E-mail](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & HEALTH IT FELLOWS SPOTLIGHT

### KENTUCKY REC & KHIE MEANINGFUL USE SEMINARS SERIES II

This spring and summer, Kentucky REC and KHIE will once again travel to several cities throughout the Commonwealth to offer Continuing Education programs to all healthcare professionals. The educational programs will include information regarding: Meaningful Use (Incentive Payments, Stage 2, 2014 Changes, HIE Updates); Patient-Centered Medical Home; HIPAA Breaches and Audits; and ICD-10. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to hear from experts on these hot healthcare transformation topics! Registration is FREE to all Kentucky REC clients.



### HEALTHIT FELLOWS

KHIE is proud to announce 3 Health IT fellows recognized from KY. The following Spring 2014 HIT Fellows in KY are:

- Becky Blevins of Stanford, KY
- Kacey Bolton, RN, of London, KY
- James Gould, MD, of Paducah, KY

KHIE congratulates these individuals for their hard work and leadership toward advancing Health IT across the commonwealth and nationally. *For more information, please visit [www.HealthIT.gov](http://www.HealthIT.gov)*

### SURVIVAL SEMINAR SERIES DATES AND LOCATIONS

April 11: Pikeville

7:45 a.m.–  
12:30p.m. EST

*Landmark Inn*

April 25: Somerset

7:45 a.m.– 12:30p.m. EST

*Somerset Community and Technical College*

May 22: Owensboro

12:45p.m-5:30 p.m. CST

*Owensboro Health Regional Hospital*

May 23: Paducah

7:45 a.m.– 12:30p.m. CST

*Western Kentucky Community & Technical College*

June 13: Louisville

7:45 a.m.– 12:30p.m. EST

*Muhammad Ali Center Auditorium*

June 20: Lexington

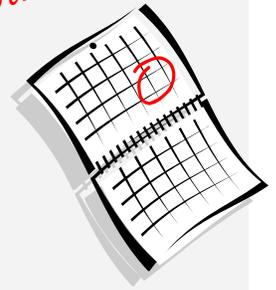
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*For more information please visit*

*[www.kentuckyrec.com](http://www.kentuckyrec.com)*

*Mark your calendar!*







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### Hot Topics

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**[New Meaningful Use Timeline](#)**  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013  
Dear Valued Client, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of Nati...

### 2013 eHealth Summit

The 2013 eHealth Summit was held Sept. 17, 2013 at the Sloan Convention Center, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY.  
[Read all about it.](#)

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### 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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