

THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



Quick Stats:

As of December 3, 2015:

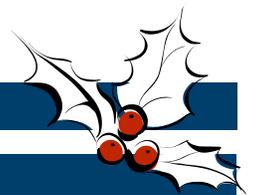
- ⇒ KHIE has 811 signed participation agreements representing 3,385 locations
- ⇒ A total of 1,190 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information representing 2,364 data feeds (see [page 4](#) for more details)
- ⇒ 90% of acute care hospitals in KY, are live on KHIE
- ⇒ Approximately \$201 million has been paid to Medicaid providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ Approximately \$337.8 million has been paid to Medicare providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ KHIE averages over 250,000 queries/week

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Did You Know?

KHIE recently published MU Public Health Guidance for Modified Stage 2 from 2015-2017. The KY MU Collaborative team also recently published guidance on the HIE (formerly the Summary of Care) objective as well. To learn more, please visit [page 2!](#)



A Message from the State Health IT Coordinator **Polly Mullins-Bentley**



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and Happy Holidays! If you have not heard, KHIE, in partnership with the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program recently published a Public Health Guidance for Modified Stage 2 Meaningful Use, which can be found online at <http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Pages/MeaningfulUseGuidance.aspx>.

The KY MU Collaborative team also recently published guidance on the HIE (formerly the Summary of Care) objective as well. To learn more about achieving this objective, please visit <http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Pages/toc.aspx>. In addition, if you would like to join the KY Direct

Email Catalog to search for providers that have Direct email addresses across the state and register your own, you can visit <http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Pages/dec.aspx> to learn more about using this service to fulfill the HIE objective.

We encourage all providers to reach out to their local Outreach Coordinator to begin the process of connecting with KHIE. To locate an Outreach Coordinator near you, please visit <http://khie.ky.gov/cwkhie/Pages/getstarted.aspx>.

I also want to remind folks that KHIE recently upgraded its platform to offer “Platinum Services” or what we are calling the next generation of KHIE for providers. Platinum service is the industry standard technology that supports cross-enterprise document sharing among all providers. If you are interested in upgrading to this platform, please contact your outreach coordinator.

Thank you for allowing us to be your state designated health information exchange. Without your work, we would not be possible. Thank you again and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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State Health I.T. Coordinator



Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Program Year 2014 Attestations:

If you have attested to Program Year 2014 and have not received payment, please contact our office at EHRIncentives@ky.gov or (502) 564-0105 extension 2480. This is a key indication an issue has been identified or supporting documentation is needed. It is imperative to correct the issue or submit documentation to avoid your attestation from being rejected for Program Year 2014.

2016 last year to Initiate Participation:

We want YOU!



To participate in the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. You can receive up to \$63,750 over 6 years.

Steps are simple:

1. Get an ONC certified EHR product
2. Make sure you are eligible
3. Register
4. Adopt/Implement/Upgrade/Meaningful Use
5. Attest

The EHR Incentive Program asks providers to use the capabilities of their EHRs to achieve benchmarks that can lead to improved patient care. It's important to know the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is NOT a reimbursement program for purchasing or replacing an EHR. Providers have to meet specific requirements in order to receive incentive payments.

Participation is voluntary however, it's important to know 2016 is the last program year a provider can initiate participation.

Get more information at the following websites:

1. CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>
2. Kentucky Medicaid EHR website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm>
3. Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) website: <http://khie.ky.gov/PAGES/INDEX.ASPX>

This is a great opportunity to join over 4,869 providers in Kentucky who have received incentive payments for the EHR Incentive Program.

Protect your User Information

When inquiring about your attestation status with the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you should not provide your CMS assigned registration identifier. Keep in mind this is what provides access to your registration and attestation information. This information should be protected like you protect your other log on IDs and passwords. The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will not ask for this information.

What to do if you feel you are "Scammed" by your EHR Vendor

There are many reputable EHR vendors that provide reliable EHR products and services. However, there are some EHR vendors that have not been able to maintain the fast pace of the ever changing healthcare environment. These vendors have delivered less than promised EHR systems and have left many providers without functional EHR systems or the ability to maintain required functionality requirements for participation in Meaningful Use programs.

If you feel you have been misled or scammed by an EHR vendor, you do have some options. You can file a complaint in Kentucky with the Office of the Attorney General at www.ag.ky.gov and/or you can file a complaint with the Office of the National Coordinator which is the governing body for EHR vendors at <https://www.healthit.gov/newsroom/contacting-onc-office-certification>.

We also encourage providers to do research on their own before purchasing an EHR system. This includes self-educating on the requirements for participation in the EHR program and assessing your practice to determine what your needs will be in an EHR system.

You can visit the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Program's website at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm> to further learn about the EHR program and requirements for participation.

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 4:30 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.



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2015 eHealth Summit

View presentations and information from the [2015 Kentucky eHealth Summit](#) Sept. 30.

Get Started

Make the KHIE connection. KHIE outreach coordinators can help you [get started](#).

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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