



THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



Special Points of Interest

As of August 21, 2014:

- ⇒ KHIE has 605 signed participation agreements (representing 2,164 locations)
- ⇒ A total of 985 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see Page 4 for more details)
- ⇒ 83% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE
- ⇒ \$171, 799,531.04 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ \$241,846,330.77 has been paid to Medicare hospitals and providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program, March 2014
- ⇒ KHIE averaged over 250,000 CCD queries for the month of July 2014

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 several 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 the state borders and across 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?

KHIE now has clinical alerts live in the community health record?
To learn more, please refer to page 3 for more information.

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



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange! As I shared last month, the KHIE recently released the first set of clinical notifications in the KHIE Community Record on July 26, 2014. We are thrilled to release this new functionality and look forward to future development of more robust clinical alerts. The partnership with the KY Department for Public Health and the Division of Medicaid Services through the KY ER *SMART* initiative has encouraged the healthcare

community across the commonwealth to begin utilizing the Community Record in emergency rooms to enable providers to make information-driven decisions at the point of care. These clinical notifications identify “super-utilizer” patients, those that have been admitted to the ER 10 or more times per year, or those that have had three or more acute hospital admissions over the prior twelve months, or both. To learn more about these flags or clinical notifications, please refer to page 3 of this newsletter.

This month, I would like to spend some time discussing Transitions of Care for ambulatory providers. We at KHIE have been intently focused on working with hospitals across the state with the transitions of care objective, among others. Our main focus has been to work with providers that do not have a secure and encrypted Direct Trust accredited Health Information Service Provider (see DirectTrust.org). What we have come to find out is that several 2014 electronic health record systems did not certify the hospitals in the same manner that the ambulatory providers were certified. With this in mind, and with a looming attestation deadline three months prior to the ambulatory providers, KHIE focused keenly on assisting those hospitals with technically connecting to KHIE’s Health Information Service Provider. As we near September however, I would like to highly encourage all ambulatory providers to think strategically and collaboratively about how *you* will achieve transitions of care for Meaningful Use Stage 2. August’s KHIE monthly update call specifically focused on transitions of care for ambulatory providers, and, as we near the October 1 deadline for MU attestation, I encourage all providers to join our collaborative discussions. To learn more about joining KHIE’s monthly call or weekly transitions of care community of practice call, please contact me via email at polly.mullins-bentley@ky.gov.

On a final note, I would like to point out that the Kentucky Direct Email Catalog is now live! Providers across the state can now search and enter direct email addresses into the catalog. For more information, please visit <http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Pages/dec.aspx>. Thank you for your hard work with the Kentucky Health Information Exchange!

Sincerely,

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Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ

KHIE CLINICAL NOTIFICATIONS

Enhances Care Coordination & Clinical Decision Support



KHIE is now providing **clinical notifications** in the Continuity of Care Document (CCD), accessible via the KHIE Community Record (Virtual Health Record). The clinical notification acts as a **flag** in the CCD to aid in the coordination of care and enables providers to make information-driven decisions at the point of care.

Examples of clinical notifications include, but are not limited to:

- ⇒ Diabetes: no eye exam in the last 365 days
- ⇒ Diabetes: no lipid panel in the last 365 days
- ⇒ Diabetes: no urine protein screening in the last 365 days
- ⇒ Diabetes: HgA1C check due
- ⇒ Blood pressure check due
- ⇒ Developmental/Behavioral assessment due
- ⇒ Nutrition counseling due
- ⇒ Tuberculin Test (TB test) due IF 'At Risk'

In support of the current **KY ER SMART** initiative to reduce over-utilization of the emergency room, KHIE has also developed notifications, based on Medicaid claims, that identify patients who have had:

- ⇒ ten or more visits to an emergency room over the prior twelve months, or
- ⇒ three or more acute hospital admissions over the prior twelve months, or both.

Clinical notifications enhance care coordination and have already been shown to improve health outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, and enhance community care efforts; thus, aligning with the three-part aim.

Benefits

- ⇒ Improves care coordination
- ⇒ Reduces duplicative testing
- ⇒ Supports the **kyhealthnow** initiative
- ⇒ Improves overall health in KY

KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

POINTERS OF THE MONTH

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION FORUMS:

A representative from the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will be at the Medicaid/MCO forums that are scheduled across the state. Be looking for us in Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Erlanger and Louisville. More information is located at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e9hemz8xe5dd3e38&llr=pfltrpqab>. Hope to see you there!

REMINDERS:

Eligible providers should review the 2014 Meaningful Use Guidance for Stage 1 and Stage 2 prior to attesting in order to better prepare for the attestation process. These documents are located at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm> under the heading *Publications*.

- All EPs, EHS and CAHs must have a signed Participation Agreement as well as applicable addendums on file with KHIE prior to attestation submission. Please refer to the Meaningful Use Guidance documents for additional information.
- Please stay on course with submitting attestations and working towards Meaningful Use requirements. This will help to avoid delays in processing your attestation, as well as avoiding any Medicare penalties!

Check our website as well as CMS's attestation home page often for important and up-to-date information.

KENTUCKY MEDICAID PROGRAM YEAR 2014 MU GUIDANCE:

Program Year 2014 includes many changes that will affect both Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use attestations. Please refer to the EHR Incentive website ([Stage 1](#); [Stage 2](#)) for attestation guides that outline the processes to be completed prior to submitting your attestation for the EHR incentive Program.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Eligible Providers

- December 31, 2014—last day of the calendar year, reporting period ends
- January 1, 2015—reporting period begins for Program Year 2015
- March 31, 2015—last day to submit an attestation for Program Year 2014
- April 1, 2015—first day to attest for MU to receive an incentive payment for Program Year 2015
- July 1, 2015—last day to submit a hardship exception application for 2016 Medicare Payment adjustments
- 2016—last year to initiate participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- 2021—last year to receive Medicaid EHR Incentive payments

Eligible Hospitals/Critical Access Hospitals

- September 30, 2014—last day of the federal fiscal year (FFY), reporting period ends
- October 1, 2014—reporting period begins for Program Year 2015
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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 985 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 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Bluegrass Medical Group, PSC
- Commonwealth Health Corporation, Inc
- Hardin Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc
- Lexington Women’s Health PLLC
- Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation
- Ohio County Hospital Corp
- Pineville Community Hospital Association, Inc
- Quantum Healthcare Association of Cumberland, Inc
- Quantum Healthcare, PSC

Sterling Health Solutions Inc

COMMUNITY HEALTH RECORD (VHR) TRAININGS

The following organizations are scheduled to be trained on the VHR for the month of August:

- Primary Plus
- Kings Daughter’s Medical Center (Ashland Health Corporation)

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 (outbound only)
- Hardin Memorial Hospital (outbound only)
- Harrison Memorial Hospital (outbound only)
- Kings Daughter’s Medical Center (Ashland Health Corporation)
- King’s Daughters Health, Madison (outbound only)
- Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, Inc.
- Mercy Health Partners-Lourdes (outbound only)

- Murray Calloway County (outbound only)
- Norton
- St. Claire (outbound only)
- Taylor (outbound only)
- Twin Lakes (outbound only)

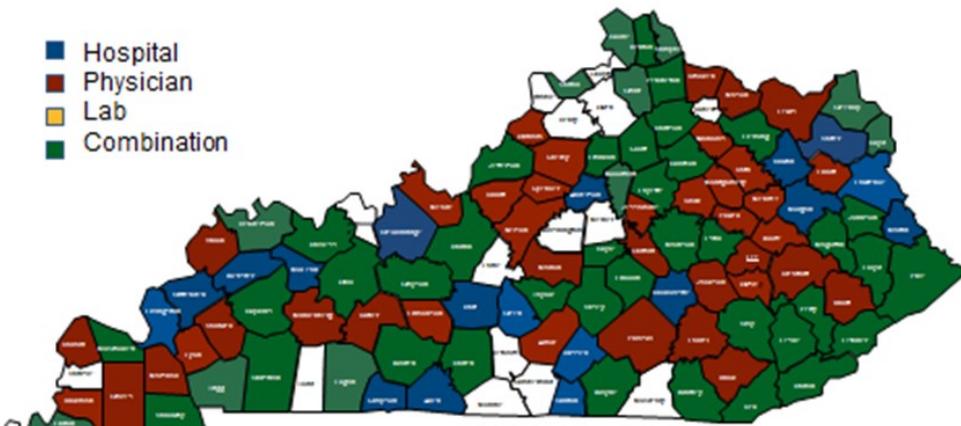
DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING

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
- Lincoln Trail District Health Department
- Miller’s Merry Manor
- Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department
- Pike County Health Department
 - Cedar Ridge Health Campus
 - Wellington Parc

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.
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Meaningful Use
Learn more about how KHIE can support your Meaningful Use efforts.
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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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