

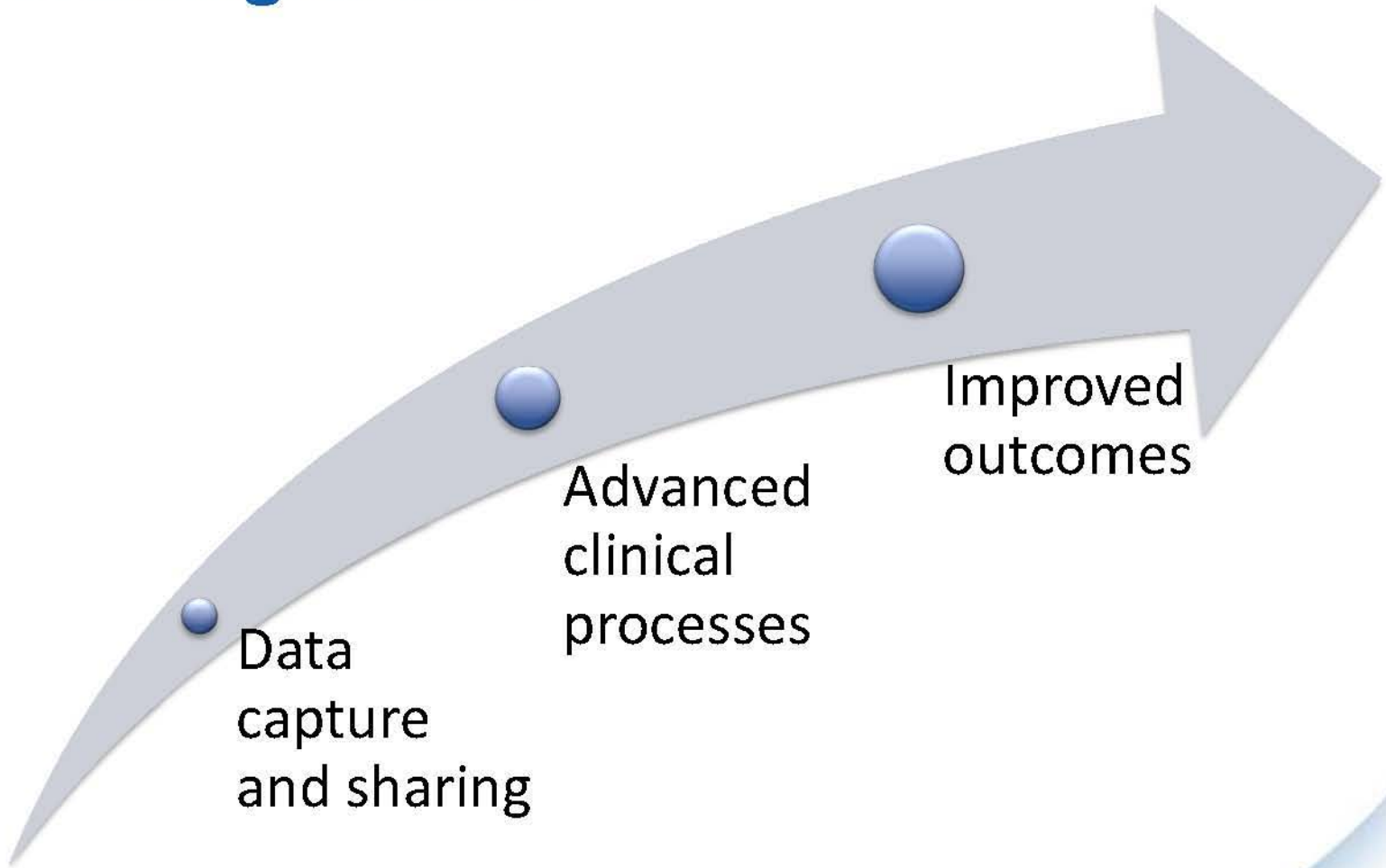
ONC Cooperative Agreement HIE Program Update

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Meaningful Use: HITECH Act Description

- The Recovery Act specifies the following 3 components of Meaningful Use:
 1. Use of certified EHR in a meaningful manner (e.g., e-prescribing)
 2. Use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care
 3. Use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality measures (CQM) and other such measures selected by the Secretary

Conceptual Approach to Meaningful Use



Arizona HIE Cooperative Agreement Grant

- Office of National Coordinator (ONC) Grant Program for establishing health information exchange (HIE) part of HITECH Act (2009 ARRA)
- \$9.3 million to the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery (GOER)
- ONC approved Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology Agency (ASET) strategic and operational plans in March 2011 but additional help needed to incorporate most recent guidance
 - ASET did RFP for strategic consulting services in May, 2011 and
 - Strategic Planning events convened in September and October 2011.
- Mission: to enable secure health information exchange (HIE) throughout the State of Arizona and enable providers to meet Meaningful Use for electronic health record incentive payments
- HIE program runs through February 2014

Existing HIE Environment

- Very little health information exchange (HIE) occurring between unaffiliated health care providers throughout state.
- In the current health care environment there is a significant need for providers to be able to share information and a need to ensure different exchange methods are available to providers:
 - Point to Point communication and messaging (generally lower cost)
 - Robust bidirectional exchange
- Currently no ability to look up providers' addresses to route information electronically.
- Lack of consistent HIE standards, policies, and procedures for how to ensure secure exchange.
- Ensure standards and interoperability for public health reporting to ensure providers can meet Meaningful Use of Certified Electronic Health Records and receive EHR Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Payments.
- Must act quickly to meet ONC priorities.

ONC High Priority Items



E-Prescribing



Receipt of
Structured Lab
Results



Patient Care
Summaries

ASET Strategic Health Information Exchange Priorities

Develop Sustainable
HIE Exchange
Marketplace

“Core Services”
RFP (Directory Services)

Foster Robust
HIE (Sub-Grant
Program)

Support
Policy
Development

Coordinate
State and Federal
Partners

Provider and
Consumer Outreach
and Education



HIE Core Services RFP

- Needed to support eligible providers in achieving MU
- Will enable Direct Exchange (secure messaging) and
- Robust exchange of health information across unaffiliated organizations to improve patient safety, quality of care, and reduce the cost of care
- RFP Includes:
 - Provider Directory (Directory Services)
 - Master Patient Index
 - Record Locator Service

Underway and award anticipated by March/April 2012

NwHIN Direct Secure Messaging

- The “Direct Project” is a national effort to develop specifications for a secure, scalable, standards-based way to send **encrypted** health information directly to known, trusted recipients over the internet.
- 5 Use Cases for DIRECT
 - Provider to Provider
 - Hospital sends discharge summary to referring provider
 - Laboratory sends lab result to ordering provider
 - Primary care provider sends patient immunization data to public health
 - Providers sends clinical summary of an office visit to patient
- ADHS Direct Pilot for facilitate electronic immunization reporting
 - Primary care provider sends patient immunization data to public health
 - Underway and ready for testing by March 2012

Develop Arizona HIE Exchange Marketplace

- Partnership between ASET and Arizona Health-e Connection/ ONC Regional Extension Center grantee
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- Develop technical specifications, standards, and operational requirements for entities participating in marketplace for DIRECT protocol
- REC are reaching out to potential Health Information Service Providers (HISP) vendors who may be interested in participating in the marketplace.
 - REC establishing marketplace evaluation committee to review applications for vendors interested in participating in exchange.
 - Marketplace participants must provide and maintain data to state-level provider directory on health care providers signed up for services
- The Marketplace will provide education and inform patients/consumers and Providers about their rights and benefits when participating in health information exchange.

ONC Approved ASET Activities

Phase I

- HIE Marketplace Agreement
 - HISPs and HIOs
 - Education and Outreach starts
- RFP for Core Services released 12/2011
- Public Health Immunization DIRECT Project
- Updated State Strategic and Operational Plan to ONC pending new Program Information Notice (PIN)
 - Privacy and Security
 - Phasing of Strategic and Operational Plans
- Identify Medicaid Match Opportunities
- Increased Transparency and Frequency of Communication

Phase II

- Support Policy Forums for Development and Collaboration
- Grants for HIE based on stakeholder discussion and data analysis

Three State Medicaid Requirements Under HITECH Act

- Administer Medicaid incentive payments to Medicaid Eligible Providers and eligible hospitals
- Oversee the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, including routine tracking of meaningful use attestations and reporting mechanisms, and
- Pursue initiatives that encourage the adoption of certified EHR technology for the promotion of health care quality and the electronic exchange of health information.

AHCCCS EHR Incentive Program

Milestones

- Opened Summer/Fall for Registration
- Started accepting Attestation for A/I/U for Eligible Hospitals in October 2011
- Started accepting Attestation for A/I/U for Eligible Professionals January, 2012
 - As of 1-11-2012 60 EPS Attested
 - Payments should start by end of January



AHCCCS 5 Year HIT/HIE Goals

1. Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- AHCCCS represented on a statewide HIE
- Participation with an HIE that promotes health care quality and ensures privacy and security of data for members and providers



AHCCCS 5 Year HIT/HIE Goals

2. Health Information Technology for Hospitals

- Hospitals representing 90 percent of inpatient days will qualify and meet meaningful use criteria
- 90 percent of IHS and 638 inpatient facilities will qualify and meet meaningful use criteria

- As of 1-10-2012 Paid 34 Hospitals
- \$36.9 million



AHCCCS 5 Year HIT/HIE Goals

3. Health Information Technology for Eligible Professionals

- 90 percent of all eligible professionals in FQHC will qualify and meet meaningful use
- 90 percent of all IHS and tribally operated 638 facilities eligible professionals will qualify and meet MU
- 75 percent of all eligible providers will receive meaningful use incentive payments

- 1,400 EPS registered with AHCCCS
- As of 1-11-2012 60 EPS Attested

AHCCCS 5 Year HIT/HIE Goals

4. **e-Prescribing**

- Increase the percent of physicians routing e-RX from current levels of 18% up to 40 percent
 - Surescript Report 96% of pharmacies are e-RX enabled

5. **Program Integrity**

- Provide adequate oversight of the incentive program, resulting in no federal disallowances
 - Updating AHCCCS Provider Participation Agreements, performing volume checks, conduct pre payment audits, track payments and refer suspected fraud or abuse to Office of Inspector General



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