



# Regional Extension Center (REC) Informational Meetings

Have you heard about federal incentives available from Medicare and Medicaid for implementing and using electronic medical records?

Have you heard about the federally subsidized assistance available to help providers implement and meaningfully use electronic medical records in the specified timeframes to qualify for the maximum incentives available?

Are you confused about how to get started and take advantage of this one-time opportunity to receive substantial federally subsidized support made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009?

Do you want assistance in transforming your practice to provide better chronic care and preventive care to your patients?

Do you want to assure that your practice has all of the tools in place to maximize your collection of performance incentives from all payers with the least administrative burden?

## **How can I learn more?**

Learn the answers to these and other questions you may have, and have the opportunity to speak with representatives from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) and the Government Office on Health Care Reform (GOHCR) at a PA REACH West-sponsored informational meeting in your area.

Tues., August 3, 2010	Hamot Hospital (Erie)	8:00 a.m. - noon
Thurs., August 12, 2010	UPMC Shadyside	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri., August 13, 2010	Washington Hospital	8:00 a.m. - noon
Fri., August 27, 2010	DuBois Regional Medical Center	8:00 a.m. - noon



### **How do I register for one of the informational meetings?**

Please visit our Web site at [www.pareachwest.org](http://www.pareachwest.org) to register online for one of the meetings in your area. Space is limited in some areas, so be sure to register early.

**To register, visit  
[www.pareachwest.org/registration.aspx](http://www.pareachwest.org/registration.aspx)  
and complete the online form.**

### **What exactly is PA REACH West?**

The Pennsylvania Regional Extension & Assistance Center for HIT (REACH) West is a new federally funded project led by Quality Insights of Pennsylvania. PA REACH West has federal funds to aid health care providers in implementing or using certified health information technology and achieving health improvement outcomes through “meaningful use.”

### **Who is eligible for assistance from the REC?**

The program is open to all providers in Pennsylvania. However, federal funding is only available to subsidize support to “priority primary-care providers” — any doctor of medicine or osteopathy, any nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or physician assistant with prescriptive privileges, who is actively practicing one of the following specialties — family, internal, pediatric, or obstetrics and gynecology — and works in an individual or small group practice, a public or critical access hospital, or an FQHC or rural health clinic. The program also is open to eligible critical access hospitals.

For more information on PA REACH West, please visit our Web site at [www.pareachwest.org](http://www.pareachwest.org). If you have questions about these regional meetings, please contact Mark Stevens at [mstevens@paehi.org](mailto:mstevens@paehi.org).