

# Electronic Health Records (EHR) Demonstration

## Demonstration Overview

# EHR Demonstration Goals

- Broader implementation & adoption of EHRs by physicians
  - EHRs a vehicle for transforming how health care is provided
  - Improve quality and efficiency

# EHR Demonstration Design

- Modeled after MCMP Demonstration
- 5-year operational period
  - 2 implementation phases
- Up to 12 sites (states or regions)
- Up to 2,400 total practices recruited (approx. 200 per site)
  - Small to medium-sized practices targeted
  - Primary care practices
  - Randomized design (1,200 demonstration practices; 1,200 control group practices)
- Finalization of design pending OMB approval

# Incentive Payments

- 2 separate incentive payments:
  - ✓ Quality incentive payment for reporting/performance on 26 clinical measures
    - Diabetes
    - Congestive Heart Failure
    - Coronary Artery Disease
    - Preventive Services
  - ✓ HIT incentive payment for performance on Office Systems Survey (OSS)

# Clinical Quality Measures

- Same clinical measures and data collection process used for MCMP Demonstration
- Clinical measures not reported until the end of the second year (“Pay for Reporting”)
- Pay for Performance in Years 3-5

# Measurement of HIT Adoption

- Annual Office System Survey (OSS)
- OSS is modified version of tool used by QIOs for DOQ-IT program and for MCMP Demonstration evaluation
- Practices must have implemented CCHIT certified EHR by end of second year to remain in demonstration.
- Higher scores yield higher payments

# Minimum Required EHR Functionalities

- Eligible practices must, by end of second year, be utilizing the EHR to perform specified core minimum functionalities:
  - Clinical documentation
  - Ordering of lab/diagnostic tests
  - Recording test results
  - Recording of prescriptions

# Payment Varies by Year

- **Year 1**
  - Payment for use of HIT based on OSS score
  - No payment if core functionalities not used
- **Year 2**
  - Payment for *reporting* quality measures
  - Payment for use of HIT based on OSS score
  - Practice terminated from demonstration if it has not adopted CCHIT EHR and using minimum core functionalities
- **Years 3 - 5**
  - Payment *performance* on quality measures
  - Payment for use of HIT based on OSS score

# Evaluation

- Independent Evaluation
- Randomized Design
  - Practices randomized within each location
- Ongoing monitoring to assure budget neutrality

# Current Proposed Time Frame

- Announce 12 sites: late spring 2008
- Implementation over 2 phases
  - Phase 1
    - Recruit practices: fall 2008
    - Demonstration Year 1 starts: spring 2009
  - Phase 2`
    - Recruit practices: fall 2009
    - Demonstration Year 1 starts: spring 2010
- *Final schedule dependent upon when final approval received*

# QUESTIONS ?

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