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Welcome to the CliniSync Community

We'd like to welcome our new practices and facilitiles to the **CliniSync Community.** Those below can now have their physicians, nurses, practice managers and other staff take advantage of software at no charge. This allows them to receive reports and results directly from hospitals, message other providers, and track referrals in the CliniSync network. CliniSync assists with Meaningful Use requirements, too.

Welcome to:

Burkert, Thomas S., MD in Poland
Cambridge Health & Rehabilitation
Coleman Professional Services in Kent
Community Nephrology Services in Wooster
Dayton Optometric Center
Findlay Kidney & Hypertension Center
Kingston Healthcare Company in Toledo
Krupadev, Hitnebagilu MD in Marietta
Laurels of Toledo
Logan Health Care Center
Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons in Kent
Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services in Columbus
Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky
Patel, Jagdish H., MD in Warren
Tirmonia, Michael V., DO in Canton

REC closes out at 100% goal

As the Ohio Health Information Partnership closed out its Regional Extension Center grant February 7, there's cause for celebration. We met 100 percent of our goal -- 6,000 primary care physicians have successfully adopted electronic health records over the past several years and have achieved Meaningful Use Stage 1, the highest number of any single REC in the nation. Here's a message from Cathy Costello, who runs the REC program.

"The success of the Regional Extension Center is attributed to the hard work and dedication of the physicians, hospitals and other providers who set Meaningful Use as a priority. What started as a dream five years ago has become a reality, with more than 80% of the Ohio physicians and 90% of the hospitals on electronic health records," Costello says.

"We thank the other members of our team: the Ohio Department of Health's Health IT personnel and public health reporting experts; the Ohio Department of Medicaid's MPIP personnel and help desk staff; ONC and CMS's subject matter experts; our regional partners; and the numerous MU coordinators working within hospital systems and practices. Without each person's expertise, this program could never have been fully implemented. Thanks to all of you from The Partnership's REC staff!"

CliniSync makes the news

Top 10 Tech Trends: Survivor: Edition HIE -- Can Statewide HIEs Achieve Sustainability?

The answer is a qualified 'yes'—but, say those in the know, it will take business realism and a strong dose of ingenuity

Excerpt from the article: Part of OHIP's success lies in how it was created, Paoletti says. "We were created in the late summer of 2009 by the administration at that time," he explains.

"We spent the first two years planning, developing, and getting the technology in place. In other words, we spent a good two years at a very low budget cycle, with only a couple of employees, trying to get everything arranged. We really started our implementations in 2011, and our first hospital went live in December 2011."

Now, he notes, 143 hospitals across Ohio—all but about 20 in

the state—are working with CliniSync, and 73 have gone live in data-sharing. What's more, 600 practices representing over 3,000 physicians not already connected to CliniSync via their participating hospitals, are also participating.

To read the full article, click here.

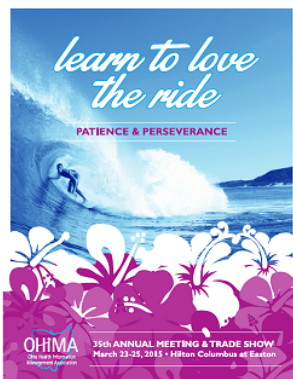# No, it's not a house. It's a medical home.

Ever wonder what a consumer thinks when you say patient-centered medical home? They think it has to do with real houses and teams of people who come to your home. The OPCPCC is now addressing the PCMH concept with the public. Check out the new website here at the Ohio Department of Health.

The Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) **Communications and Education Learning Center will be meeting via conference call on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m.** Topics of discussion will include promotion of the new PCMH consumer website.

In addition, the Patient Engagement Learning Center created the PCMH Patient Engagement Toolbox and is **now planning a webinar series.** The next monthly call for the Patient Engagement Learning Center is on Tuesday, **Feb. 24** at 11:00 a.m.

Later that day, the OPCPCC Patient Engagement Learning Center will **hold a webinar, "Enhancing the Patient Experience through the PCMH Model" at 12:15 p.m.** Pat Ecklar, MD and Ted Wymyslo, MD will serve as presenters. Register now!

If you are interested in participating in an OPCPCC Learning Center, please contact OPCPCC at 614-644-9756 or PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

Learn to love the ride with OHIMA

Catch a wave and follow the motion of the ocean to the 2015 OHIMA Annual Meeting & Exhibits! *"Learn to Love the Ride"* while exploring and addressing critical issues in **Health Information Management** - all while enjoying their fun surf theme.

OHIMA hosts the largest of all state HIM shows and showcases

products of over 80 exhibitors. Take the plunge and join more than 700 HIM professionals at the beautiful Hilton Columbus adjacent to the Easton Town Center.

Complete Annual Meeting program information and registration is now available by clicking the link here.

Ohio Medicaid on target for ICD-10

Ohio Medicaid is on schedule to meet the ICD-10 implementation compliance date of October 1, 2015. Billing guidance documents for Ohio Medicaid's ICD-10 implementation, entitled 'ICD-10 TIPS', have been posted to Medicaid's ICD-10 webpage and can be found under the 'ICD-10 TIPS (Billing Guidance)' section. **The first ICD-10 TIPS focuses on the compliance date for ICD-10 usage on claims, the second on span date billing, and the third dental claims.** Additional billing guidance documents will be posted in the months to come.

Please visit Ohio Medicaid's ICD-10 webpage for additional information and updates related to ICD-10 implementation. If you have any questions or wish to be removed from Ohio Medicaid's ICD-10 stakeholder list, please direct your communications to Icd10questions@medicaid.ohio.gov. They will respond in a timely manner.

MU rule would reduce reporting to 90 days

CMS announced a new rule expected this spring that would be responsive to provider concerns about software implementation, information exchange readiness, and other related concerns in 2015. It would also be intended to propose changes reflective of developments in the industry and progress toward program goals achieved since the program began in 2011.

CMS is considering proposals to:

- **Shorten the EHR reporting period in 2015 to 90 days from the original 365 days.**
- **Realign hospital EHR reporting periods to the calendar year** to allow eligible hospitals more time to incorporate 2014 edition software into their workflows and to better align with other CMS quality programs.
- Modify other aspects of the program to **match long-term goals, reduce complexity, and lessen providers' reporting burdens.**

For more information about the EHR Incentive Programs, please visit HTTP://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms. When we learn more, we will hold a **webinar**.

PQRS virtual office hours session 2/17

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that a **Virtual Office Hours** session regarding PQRS has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET.**

This PQRS Overview session will allow stakeholders an opportunity to ask a CMS representative questions about getting started with reporting quality measures for the PQRS program.

Virtual Office Hours are meant to serve as intimate sessions where stakeholders can participate in smaller groups. These sessions will only cover the topic identified in the description above.

To participate in this session, **please register here.**

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