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HEAL V.3 Service Bureau Monthly Update - March

Enrollment:

- As of 3/27/09, 115 physicians have signed Physician Service Agreements!

Funding:

- The Federal stimulus package includes funds for physicians who adopt EHRs. Initial review indicates that funds will be available as of 2011. Participation in the NYS Heal V.3 Grant will enable physicians to qualify for the federal funds.
- Once your signed contract with NYS approved vendor language and your invoices for eligible hardware and software are received, we will submit for payment. Estimated time to receive monies is 120 days after approval.

Services Offered Include:

- Monthly classes at the MCMS on topics relevant to EMR implementation. The next class is, **Thursday, 4/30/09**. Topic: **Vendor Selection**. All class topics can be found at <http://www.mcms.org>
- Peer groups have been formed by specialty.
Internal Medicine/Family Practice, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, OB/GYN, and general Office Staff are meeting and sharing ideas.

Contact: wmaxwell@mcms.org for more information and schedules

Vendors and Vendor Selection:

- MCMS will assist offices in the recommended assessments in preparation for vendor selection. This process generally takes 2- 3 months. Please complete **Office Assessment** – [see attached](#).
- **HIPAA Security Manuals** need to be completed by each office. Resources are available to assist in the development of your practice's manual. Please see link for manual information. <http://www.mcms.org> [See attached for required inventory template](#).
- In order to meet the requirements to qualify for HEAL V.3 grant funds, EMR vendors need to be 2008 CCHIT certified. Vendors have until 6/30/09 to obtain this certification. Refer to <http://www.cchit.org>

Rochester Regional Health Organization (RHIO) Update:

The Rochester RHIO will expand its financial support of practices who implement EHRs through the Heal 5 grant and the Service Bureau. Funding will include subsidies for:

- EHR software
- EHR hardware
- EHR connection to the RHIO.
- **NEW!!!!** EHR vendor charges to practices for connection to the RHIO, so that practices can receive electronic results delivery for all their lab, radiology and hospital reports from a single interface.

Do you have questions about the RHIO? Are you a "GRIPA" doctor wondering how the RHIO relates to your clinical data? Do you want to get started right now with access to the RHIO's clinical viewer? Get all your RHIO questions answered at a MCMS information session geared directly to Service Bureau participants:

Wednesday, April 8th 7:30-8:30am or Thursday, April 9th 6:00-7:00 pm.