



# NY Meaningful Use Acceleration Project

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## Landscapes

- Grant programs have supported adoption of EHRs and interoperable data exchange through a state wide network: \$380 million in State Health IT grants, a \$23 million HIE grant, \$47 million in grants for two Regional Extension Centers
- Two RECs which offer services to the entire state of New York and which have met or surpassed target enrollments: over 10,000 enrolled for REC services
- Coordination of State HIE and Medicaid HIE strategies
- One Beacon Community in Western NY (Buffalo)

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## **Strategies to encourage EHR Adoption**

- Education series by the RECs, NYC Department of Health subsidy program of EHR adoption and software, the Medicaid Program and the New York eHealth Collaborative
- Medicaid incentives for achieving NCQA PCMH Certification
- Grant programs with incentives for NCQA PCMH Certification

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## **Strategies to achieve Meaningful Use**

- Developing a team approach to include the Beacon Community, the RECs, NYC Department of Health, NYeC and NYS Department of Health
- Reducing barriers to registration, attestation and achieving MU
- Delivering on REC initiatives and outreach to their participants
- Targeting by Medicaid of the non-REC participants to facilitate registrations and attestations
- Meetings with Medical Societies, Hospital Associations and Specialty Associations to communicate and educate Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals
- Developing a proposal for 90/10 dollars to expand on REC and statewide efforts
- Celebrating successes

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New York State has set an initial target of over 6,000 eligible providers receiving incentive payments in calendar year 2012

Developed a project plan with preliminary goals using REC members:

- 2011: 600 attesting for AIU and 600 attesting for MU
- 2012: 1,200 attesting for AIU and 3,800 attesting for MU
- Total: 6,200 Eligible Professional attesting for Medicare and Medicaid

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## Key Challenges

- Having the correct data to define the eligible Medicaid and Medicare providers most likely to want to achieve MU
- Eligible Hospitals not having the dollars to achieve MU in 2011-2012
- The number of MU Eligible Providers not eligible for incentive dollars for adoption or systems

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## **Successes and status to date**

- Collaborated with ONC and CMS to get a 30 day extension for a total of 120 days for Eligible Providers to attest for 2011
- Automated process to reduce barriers in registration
- RECs have teams in place to support administrative processes for AIU achievement

*Overall Status for Medicaid as of March 2012:*

*Over \$60 million in payments to providers*

- *~\$54 million to ~35 EHs*
- *~\$ 6 million to ~300EPs*