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KANSAS FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL CARE, INC. ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATED PURCHASING SERVICES AS THEIR GROUP PURCHASING ORGANIZATION FOR THE REC PROGRAM

Today, the Regional Extension Center at Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC) named Associated Purchasing Services (APS) as the Group Purchasing Organization that will serve as their strategic partner in Kansas. APS is the group purchasing affiliate of the Kansas Hospital Association and Missouri Hospital Association through The Health Alliance of MidAmerica.

As the Regional Extension Center (REC) for Kansas, KFMC is charged with helping 1,200 Primary Care Providers achieve Meaningful Use (MU). Additionally, through a recent supplemental award, KFMC will offer support to 95 Critical Access and Rural Hospitals throughout Kansas.

“This is excellent for providers in Kansas,” says Michael Aldridge, REC Director for KFMC. “We are confident this partnership will bring significant value to our program participants, helping maximize their capital investments.”

Through our partnership with APS we will offer volume discounts in the following areas:

- EMR Systems
- Information Technology Hardware and Software
- Vendor Services
- IT Consulting Vendors
- Office Supplies
- Other areas driven by need

Interested vendors can expect to see request for proposals (RFP's) posted within the next two weeks on the APS website.

KFMC is the federally designated Regional Extension Center for the state of Kansas. KFMC has long been an organization that healthcare providers and patients trust. Since 1972, KFMC has served as the Quality Improvement Organization for Kansas, working with healthcare providers, government, stakeholders, and consumers to improve the quality, efficiency, and outcomes for healthcare consumers.

KFMC's REC services are designed to take an organization from its current state – whether it is starting with a paper-based system or just need to optimize a current EHR – to MU in order to qualify for the Medicare and Medicaid incentives.

This project will receive Federal Funding from the Office of National Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services via grant number: 90RC00031/01.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the KFMC website, <http://www.kfmc.org>, or by contacting Michael Aldridge, Regional Extension Center Director.

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