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The Kansas Regional Extension Center Signs Over 300 Participant Agreements

Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC) is pleased to announce the receipt of over 300 agreements from Kansas priority primary care providers. As the Regional Extension Center (REC), KFMC will provide services to assist achieving Meaningful Use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR).

KFMC is one of a select group of organizations throughout the U.S. designated as having the experience and capacity necessary to assist healthcare providers with the task of modernizing their practices with certified EHR's. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology announced KFMC's role as the Health Information Technology (HIT) REC in Kansas on February 8, 2010 to serve providers, with a focus on primary care providers.

KFMC is a support and resource center making the selection, implementation or upgrade of EHRs easier for providers throughout the process. Ultimately, our aim is to help drive EHR adoption, increase quality of care for patients, enhance overall productivity, and improve the quality of work/life balance for providers by helping them achieve meaningful use of EHR systems.

The Kansas REC has services available for all practices regardless of where they are in their Health Information Technology (HIT) journey. Practices may be in the very early stages of investigation, preparing for Go Live, or may already have an EHR in use. KFMC will assist and facilitate the attainment of Meaningful Use for any situation. The REC services include:

- EHR implementation and project management
- HIT education and training
- Vendor selection & financial consultation
- Practice/workflow redesign
- Privacy & security best practices
- Group purchasing services

Our priority is helping providers understand and take advantage of the full benefits of EHRs. We are heavily subsidized for the first two years of the program, ending February 12, 2012, which means our fees are extremely low during this time. The Regional Extension Center has many services available for all practices. Practice Consultants are located throughout the state to meet with providers and provide on-site assistance and recruit practices.

Please consider joining your fellow healthcare providers in Kansas by contacting KFMC today to request assistance by calling 1-800-432-0770 or emailing recsupport@kfmc.org.

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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