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**Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.
Important Announcement Regarding REC Program Fees**

Today the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC), as the Kansas Regional Extension Center (REC), is pleased to announce that beginning February 8, 2011 REC services to the first 850 Priority Primary Care Providers (PPCPs) in Kansas to sign up will be free. Those PPCPs already receiving REC services will also be free from fees for the term of their contract. As the REC for Kansas, KFMC is working with providers to help them achieve Meaningful Use (MU) of their Health Information Technology (HIT). Providers who choose to take advantage of the KFMC REC's services before February 7, 2012 will receive free on-site assistance that is tailored to their specific practice's needs. The approximate value of these services is \$6,400 per provider.

KFMC has revised its fee structure due in large part to the Office of the National Coordinator's (ONC) announcement in December 2010 that the 90 percent federal subsidy for this work will be extended through February 7, 2014 for all RECs. While the approximate value of this federal subsidy is \$6,400 per provider, coverage of the remaining 10% of the REC costs is made possible by partnerships and in-kind support from key stakeholders in Kansas. This valuable support on both the federal and state levels allows KFMC to waive the REC service fees to a total of 1,200 PPCPs.

Primary Care Providers who qualify for these subsidized services, are defined as any MD or DO, ARNP, PA or Nurse Mid-Wife with prescriptive privileges in the locality where she or he actively practices in one of the following specialties: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology or geriatrics. Additionally, they must function in one of the following settings:

- Individual and small group practices (ten or fewer professionals with prescriptive privileges) primarily focused on primary care;
- Public and Critical Access Hospitals;
- Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics; and
- Other settings that predominantly serve uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved populations.

Don't wait to accelerate your HIT today! If you are a provider practicing in Kansas, contact us today to get more information about Regional Extension Center services that are available to you regardless of your current EHR status. You can email recsupport@kfmc.org or call 1-800-432-0770 and choose the Regional Extension Center option. Additional information can be viewed at www.kfmc.org under the Regional Extension Center tab. Frequent updates are also available by subscribing to <http://ahitinks.blogspot.com>.

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