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PRAIRIE STAR FAMILY PRACTICE ATTESTED TO MEANINGFUL USE – WILL RECEIVE MEDICARE EHR INCENTIVE

On April 18, 2011 Jennifer Brull, MD, FAAFP, successfully attested to Meaningful Use (MU) measures and as such will obtain her Medicare EHR incentive payment. Dr. Brull is a family medicine physician in her ninth year of private practice in Plainville, Kansas and a member of the Regional Extension Center (REC). Dr. Brull is in line to be one of the first physicians in the country to receive her \$18,000 Medicare EHR incentive payment from CMS. Medicare EHR Incentive payments are expected to begin in May 2011.

“Achieving Meaningful Use was a natural extension of the benefits I have already seen after implementing an EHR three years ago. My patients receive better care, my practice has grown financially, and I am personally more satisfied since converting to electronic medical records,” Dr. Brull stated.

Dr. Brull is our REC physician champion as well as a MUVer. A MUVer is a member of the MU Vanguard program designed by the ONC to recognize an exclusive group of champions of EHR adoption and meaningful use. They serve as local leaders, advisors and role models in the movement towards an electronically-enabled healthcare system. MUVers are at the forefront of EHR implementation and MU, and will encourage other clinicians to join the MUVment!

Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc., the Regional Extension Center is thrilled to congratulate Dr. Brull on this accomplishment. KFMC is currently planning a celebration in conjunction with Associated Purchasing Services (APS) HIT Educational Summit and Vendor Fair on May 25, 2011. Dr. Brull is slated as the key note speaker for the program at the DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods in Overland Park, Kansas.

Michael Aldridge, Vice President of Information Technology and Director of REC, said, “Kansas has about 1900 priority primary care providers, 580 of whom have already signed up for the extension center's assistance. Our objective is to assist at least 1200 Priority Primary Care Providers in Kansas in moving toward the same goal as Dr. Brull.

This is not about technology – it is about improving patient care, and Dr. Brull serves as a great example of what can be achieved.”

On January 3, 2011 The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) opened registration for the Medicare & Medicaid electronic health record (EHR) incentive program. Through the incentive programs eligible healthcare professionals may receive as much as \$44,000 over a five year period through Medicare or \$63,750 over six years through Medicaid if Meaningful Use (MU) objectives and clinical quality measures are met.

KFMC is the federally designated REC 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.

If you are a provider practicing in Kansas, contact the Kansas REC today to get more information about the 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 REC option.

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