



Title / Event & Date	Description	Additional Information
<b>News You Need to Know</b>		
<b>Opioid Crisis</b>	<p>Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded over \$1 billion in opioid specific grants to help combat the opioid crisis. The award supports HHS’s Five-Point Opioid Strategy which was launched last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Better addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services</li> <li>2 – Better data</li> <li>3 – Better pain management</li> <li>4 – Better targeting of overdose reversing drugs</li> <li>5 – Better research</li> </ul> <p>It has been reported that more than <b>\$26 million was specifically awarded to Arizona</b> to help increase access to treatments and mental health services in our state.</p>	<p>Review the <a href="#">Press Release</a> for additional information</p>
<b>Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)</b>  <i>Click to Control</i>	<p>To increase EPCS in Arizona and prepare Arizona prescribers for the new state requirements, mandated by the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act, Health Current has launched the <b>Click for Control</b> campaign.</p> <p>Arizona Opioid E-Prescribing Requirement Beginning <b>January 1, 2019</b>, each prescription order for a Schedule II opioid in Arizona’s six largest counties (Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma) must be transmitted electronically to the dispensing pharmacy.</p> <p>Beginning <b>July 1, 2019</b>, these same requirements go into effect in all other Arizona counties (Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Navajo and Santa Cruz).</p>	<p>Visit the <a href="#">Click for Control Website</a> for fact sheets, FAQs, and additional information</p> <p>See below for <i>Click for Control</i> webinars</p>
<b>EHR Reporting Program - Request for Information</b>  Comments due by October 17, 2018	<p>Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) issued an RFI for the public to share their views on the components of the EHR Reporting Program and to provide feedback that will inform the development of EHR Reporting Program criteria and processes as required by the Cures Act.</p> <p>Share your input as an end user of certified health IT on reporting criteria related to: security, usability, interoperability, conformance to certification testing, and other areas as appropriate.</p>	<p>Review the full RFI and submit comments through this <a href="#">LINK</a> to the Federal Register</p>

<p><b>PFE Emerging Stories</b></p>	<p>CMS is requesting an emerging story on Patient and Family Engagement (PFE) from practices participating in PTNs across the country. Pii practices are truly excelling in keeping the patient at the center of care – share your story! We are excited to showcase the great work <u>your practice</u> is doing. Your practice may be recognized on a national platform at the <b>2019 CMS Quality Conference</b>. We are preparing two stories for the event and look forward to your input.</p>	<p>Contact your PTC for further information and assistance in crafting your story</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Events &amp; Conferences</b> A complete list of events can be found on our website at <a href="#">Events</a></p>		
<p><b>Fall Conference &amp; Annual Meeting</b></p> <p>Hosted by: Arizona Public Health Association</p> <p><b>October 3, 2018</b></p> <p>Desert Willow Conference Center 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85040</p> 	<p><b>Integrating Care to Improve Public Health Outcomes: Primary Care   Behavioral Health   Public Health</b></p> <p>This event, sponsored by Mercy Care, will explore efforts currently underway to integrate care and improve outcomes in Arizona as well as initiatives on the horizon to develop systems of care that best achieve the goals of Integrated Care.</p> <p>You'll leave with greater understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how providers are implementing new strategies to integrate care via AHCCCS' Targeted Investment Program</li> <li>• outcomes of co-located and integrated models of behavioral care as part of primary care</li> <li>• evidence-based toolkits to assist practices, including ways to measure progress</li> </ul>	<p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to register online</p> <p>Cost: AzPHA Members - \$175.00 Non-Members - \$255.00</p>
<p><b>Annual Summit &amp; Trade Show</b></p> <p>Hosts: Health Current &amp; Pii</p> <p><b>December 3 – 4, 2018</b></p> <p>Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Resort &amp; Spa, 9495 W. Coyote Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b></p> <p>Join us for the 11th Annual Health Current Summit &amp; Trade Show in Glendale, Arizona. While the Summit is the premier health IT event of the year, with many excellent presentations, one of the best values is the interaction of a broad range of healthcare organizations. Be sure that yours is represented!</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Do you know an outstanding Health IT Innovator or Leader? Nominate them today for the third-annual Health IT Innovator of the Year and Health IT Leader of the Year Awards. Both will be presented at the Summit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS is October 1, 2018</p> </div>	<p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> for more information on the Summit</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to general information about the awards</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to the HIT Innovator of the Year Nomination Form</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to the HIT Leader of the Year Nomination Form</p>
<p><b>Webinars</b></p>		
<p><b>Click for Control Webinars</b></p> <p>Hosted by: Health Current</p>	<p>Health Current is hosting a series of webinars on the benefits of EPCS and the new Arizona law that goes in to effect January 1, 2019</p> <p><b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b> – 5:00pm to 6:00pm</p>	<p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> for full registration information</p> <p>There is no cost for these webinars</p>

<p>Multiple Dates</p>	<p><b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b> – 7:00am to 8:00am</p> <p><b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b> – 12:00pm to 1:00pm</p> <p><b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b> – 5:00pm to 6:00p</p> <p><b>October 11<sup>th</sup></b> – 12:00pm to 1:00pm</p> <p><b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b> – 12:00pm to 1:00pm</p> <p><b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b> – 7:00am to 8:00am</p>	
<p><b>HIE User Lunch and Learn</b></p> <p>Hosted by: Health Current</p> <p>Multiple dates 12:00 – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Health Current is hosting a series of Lunch and Learn webinars to assist HIE participants.</p> <p><b>October 10, 2018</b> – “Tidying up Direct Secure Mail Inbox”</p> <p><b>October 24, 2018</b> – “How to Properly Fill Out Opt-Out and ROI Forms”</p> <p><b>November 14, 2018</b> – “Tricks to Portal Use”</p>	<p>See Health Current website for additional information and to register: <a href="#">LINK</a></p> <p>There is no cost for these webinars</p>
<p><b>PRIME Registry Demonstration and Technical Team Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Host: PRIME SAN</p> <p><b>October 17, 2018</b> 9:30am-10:30am</p> 	<p>Learning objectives for this free webinar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand how practice EHR data are turned into actionable clinical quality measures through the PRIME Registry on-boarding process</li> <li>• learn how automated reporting reduces and streamlines effort for a wide variety of reporting and performance improvement needs</li> <li>• see how to target opportunities for improvement at the patient, clinician, and practice level</li> </ul> <p>The webinar includes time for Q&amp;A with technical team members to address your individual questions</p>	<p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to register online</p> <p>Demonstrations are available on multiple dates and at multiple times</p>
<b>Rewards and Recognition</b>		
	<p><b>Congratulations</b> to the Pii practices who recently completed all 5 phases of transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native Health   September 2018</li> <li>• Crazy About Kids   September 2018</li> <li>• OrthoArizona   September 2018</li> </ul> <p>By completing the five phases of transformation, these practices are prepared for successful participation in value-based, alternative payment arrangement programs.</p>	
	<p>Maricopa County Correctional Health Services Plaque Presentation</p> <p>Accepting a plaque recognizing their completion of the five Phases of Transformation are Rebecca Quince, Integration Manager, and Dr. Grant Philips, Medical Director, at their Leadership Meeting on September 18, 2018. Presenting the plaque is Practice Transformation Consultant Giselle Mikel (<i>left</i>).</p> <p>The PTC team looks forward to recognizing your practice’s transformation!</p>	

Information for Practices Participating in AHCCCS' Targeted Investments Program		
Targeted Investments Attestation Portal Deadline Extension	AHCCCS has announced that the September 30, 2018 deadline for completion of the Milestone requirements and the attestation process has been extended to <b>October 31, 2018.</b>	Contact AHCCCS at <a href="mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov">targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov</a> if you have any questions
<b>Publications</b>		
<p><b>Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids</b></p> <p>"Everyone has a Role to Play"</p>	<p>The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids calls for a cultural shift in the way Americans talk about the opioid crisis and recommends actions that can prevent and treat opioid misuse and promote recovery. It provides the latest data on the prevalence of substance misuse, opioid misuse, opioid use disorder and overdoses.</p> <p>The Surgeon General's office also released a digital postcard highlighting tangible actions all Americans can take to raise awareness, prevent opioid misuse and reduce overdose deaths.</p>	<p>Everyone has a role to play. Use the following resources from HHS to engage your patients, families and staff</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to download the postcard</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to a report summary, fact sheets and toolkits for implementing opioid reduction activities</p> <p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to the complete report</p>
<p><b>One-On-One EHR Training Improves Physician Satisfaction, Saves Time</b></p> <p>Modern Healthcare</p>	<p>Improve records and efficiency. Reduce time and frustration. Both goals are achievable through personalized physician/clinician training.</p> <p>"Nationally, physicians point to EHRs as a major contributor to workplace stress. A recent survey of 250 physicians cited EHRs as the leading cause of burnout. Physicians involved in the Physician Efficiency Program have reported a 24% improvement in self-rated efficiency with the EHR and a 12% increase in satisfaction. Additionally, the time doctors spend working on records after hours has declined."</p>	<p>Follow this <a href="#">LINK</a> to read more online about improving efficient use of your new IT systems to capture information and improve user satisfaction</p>
<b>Contact Pii</b>		
	<p>Have a question? Do you have a story to share? Is there information you would like to see in our emails?</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@pii.org">info@pii.org</a></p>	

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