



October 8-12, 2018 is U.S. National Health IT Week

This year's focus is: Catalyzing Change

In recognition of HIT week, this edition of our Pii Email is dedicated to providing our readers with webinars, training opportunities and published resources you and your PTC can integrate into your HIT plan.



Title / Event & Date	Description	Additional Information
News You Need to Know		
<p>US National Health IT Week</p> <p>Health Information and Management Systems Society (HiMSS)</p> <p>October 8-12, 2018</p> 	<p>U.S. National Health IT Week (NHIT Week) is a nationwide awareness week focused on catalyzing actionable change within the U.S. health system through the application of information and technology.</p> <p>The purpose of the week is to support healthcare transformation and making communities healthier through use of technology. If you have IT challenges on your plate, this week is a great reminder and opportunity to set aside time to review and address them.</p> <p>HiMSS, CMS and TCPi SANs are hosting Health Information Technology webinars and other events supporting transformation. Work with your PTC to identify materials and webinars which support your HIT goals.</p>	<p>Follow this LINK to the NHIT website for further details and the calendar of events.</p> <p>Follow this LINK to find additional, free webinars on the HiMSS website.</p>
<p>Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0</p> <p><i>Vision: "Arizonans will experience an improved quality of health enabled by robust health information technology and exchange."</i></p>	<p>There is great support for HIT in Arizona!</p> <p><i>Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0</i> (Roadmap 2.0), distributed in 2014, provided a direction and vision for Arizona health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) advancements.</p> <p>Roadmap 2.0 identified three essential strategies that would guide the adoption and advancement of HIT/HIE in Arizona. To be successful, the statewide community must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support providers, across the community, in their adoption and successful use of technology 	<p>To read more download Arizona's HIT Roadmap 2.0 as a pdf or view the Roadmap 2.0 Fact Sheet.</p> <p>Interesting fact: Health Current grew out of a gubernatorial executive order and a subsequent community effort to develop a statewide health information technology strategic plan (aka <i>Health-e Connection Roadmap</i>)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate the secure sharing of health information among healthcare providers • Continue to provide opportunities where healthcare stakeholders can come together and develop HIT/HIE strategies to meet their evolving business needs 	
<p>Health Information Exchange (HIE)</p>	 <p>HIE connects the electronic health record (EHR) systems of providers and clinicians allowing you to securely share patient information and better coordinate care. Health Current is Arizona’s health information exchange, connecting over 500 Arizona organizations, from first responders, hospitals, labs, community behavioral health and physical health providers to post-acute care and hospice providers.</p> <p>There is no cost to Pii participants to join Health Current and many of the services (such as Alerts, Portal Access, and Direct Mail) are free.</p> <p>HIE benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves care coordination • Reduces duplicative treatments • Provides practices with records of external encounters to include in their assessment of the patient • Saves time by eliminating calls and faxes to other providers • Reduces costs and improves health outcomes 	<p>For more information on Health Current click here.</p> <p>For a list of Health Current participants click here.</p> <p>To learn more about Health Current services click here.</p> <p>If you are not already a participant, please click here or contact Beth Scully, Health Current Senior Manager of Recruitment, at 602-688-7216 or your PTC for more information about joining.</p>
<p>HIE Onboarding Program</p>	<p>Through funding available from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Health Current offers the HIE Onboarding Program to support the participation of eligible AHCCCS providers in bidirectional health information exchange through the HIE.</p> <p>The program provides an administrative offset in recognition of the costs the eligible HIE participant has incurred to complete bidirectional connectivity with the HIE. Due to limited funding, this program is available on a first come, first served basis.</p>	<p>Follow this LINK to learn more about the program.</p>
	<p>Did you know.....</p> <p>One of the biggest barriers to sharing discharge records is finalizing notes?</p> <p>If you, or someone in your practice, care for inpatients please make sure to complete your notes in a timely manner. This will increase the ability to share information critical to post</p>	

	discharge care. It may also reduce the burden on you to respond to multiple requests for information.	
EHR Reporting Program - Request for Information Comments due by October 17, 2018 	Last call to share your 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. The deadline for Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) request for information is October 17 th .	Review the full RFI and submit comments through the Federal Register .
Upcoming Events & Conferences A complete list of events can be found on our website at Events		
Health Current 2018 Annual Summit & Trade Show Hosted by: Health Current in collaboration with Pii Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Resort & Spa, 9495 W. Coyote Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305 December 3 – 4, 2018	The Summit is the premier health IT event of the year here in Arizona with many excellent presentations. Make sure to register and have the opportunity to interact with your colleagues and a broad range of healthcare organizations. <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 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. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO October 15, 2018 </div>	For more information on the event and to register Click Here Follow this LINK to general information about the awards. Follow this LINK to the HIT Innovator of the Year Nomination Form Follow this LINK to the HIT Leader of the Year Nomination Form.
Webinars		
Click for Control Webinars Hosted by: Health Current Multiple Dates	Health Current is hosting a series of webinars on the benefits of Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS) and the new Arizona law that goes into effect January 1, 2019. October 11, 2018 – 12:00pm to 1:00pm October 15, 2018 – 12:00pm to 1:00pm October 17, 2018 – 7:00am to 8:00am	Follow this LINK for more information on the program and registration information. There is no cost for these webinars.
HIE User Lunch and Learn Hosted by: Health Current Multiple dates 12:00 – 1:00pm	Health Current is hosting a series of Lunch and Learn webinars to assist HIE participants. October 10, 2018 – “Tidying up Direct Secure Mail Inbox” October 24, 2018 – “How to Properly Fill Out Opt-Out and ROI Forms” November 14, 2018 – “Tricks to Portal Use”	See Health Current website for additional information and to register: LINK There is no cost for these webinars.

	<p>November 28, 2018 – “How to Properly Fill Out Opt-Out and ROI Forms”</p> <p>December 12, 2018 – “Care Coordination & Case Management”</p>	
<p>Navigating the Transition to Alternative Payment Models (APM) Webinar</p> <p>Hosted by: NRHI SAN</p> <p>October 11, 2018 11:00am-12:00pm</p>	<p>In this module in the Navigating Payment Reform series, Kate Elliott from HealthInsight Oregon, along with members of the Portland Coordinated Care Association, will lead a discussion on successfully navigating challenges to transition to Alternative Payment Models.</p> <p>You will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges practices face in transitioning to new payment models • The unique approach members of the Portland Coordinated Care Association took to transition to new payment models, including successes and challenges, and how they are navigating the transition to a value-based payment world • Resources available for understanding opportunities to participate in models and programs available to practices 	<p>Follow this LINK to register online.</p>
<p>M.A.P. Blood Pressure Improvement Program</p> <p>Hosted by: AMA SAN</p> <p>October 17, 2018 10:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>Learn about the Target BP national initiative to prioritize blood pressure control from the AMA.</p> <p>Use the Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) BP Improvement Program and receive national recognition for your effort. MAP is an evidence-based, real world proven program to help you improve the health of your patients with hypertension.</p>	<p>Follow this LINK to register online.</p>
<p>PRIME Registry Dashboard Demonstration and Technical Team Q&A</p> <p>Hosted by: PRIME SAN</p> <p>Multiple Dates</p>	<p>Learning objectives for this free webinar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand how practice EHR data are turned into actionable clinical quality measures through the PRIME Registry on-boarding process • learn how automated reporting reduces and streamlines effort for a wide variety of reporting and performance improvement needs • see how to target opportunities for improvement at the patient, clinician, and practice level 	<p>Follow this LINK to register online.</p> <p>Demonstrations are available on multiple dates (Oct 17th, Nov 14th, and Dec 12th) and at multiple times.</p>
<p>Prior Authorization – Overview of the AMA Advocacy Strategy</p> <p>Hosted by: AMA SAN</p> <p>October 24, 2018 10:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>Join the AMA SAN for this informative discussion of the efforts on this important topic, and learn how your practice can access the AMA’s prior authorization resources and become involved in our work to reduce burdens for patients and physicians.</p> <p>Prior authorization—a process that requires insurer approval before a treatment qualifies for payment coverage—can have significant negative impacts on both the delivery of quality, timely patient care and</p>	<p>Follow this LINK to register online.</p>

	<p>physician practice administrative burdens. The AMA is engaged in an extensive, multi-faceted advocacy campaign for reform that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research establishing the effect of prior authorization on patient care and practice administrative workloads. • Support for state legislative efforts to address prior authorization hassles. • Direct engagement with health insurers and benefit managers regarding meaningful program reform. • Practice tools and resources to help streamline and automate the process. • Grassroots advocacy activities. 	
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Rewards and Recognition

	<p>October 1st marked the start of the fourth, and final, year of our Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) grant. The entire Pii team looks forward to working with you during this next year to assist in your transformation and to continue to prepare Arizona clinicians for successful participation in value-based, alternative payment programs.</p> <p>Thank you to all Pii participants for the accomplishments you have already achieved!</p>	
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	<p>Congratulations to the Pii practices which recently completed all 5 phases of transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ConnectionsAZ September 2018 • Crisis Preparation and Recovery, Inc. September 2018 • Jewish Family and Children’s Services September 2018 <p>By completing the phases of transformation, these practices are prepared for successful participation in value-based, alternative payment arrangement programs.</p>	
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Information for Practices Participating in AHCCCS’ Targeted Investments Program

Targeted Investments Year 2 Milestone Deadline Extension	<p>As a reminder, the September 30, 2018 deadline for completion of the TI <u>Year 2</u> Milestone requirements and the attestation process has been extended to October 31, 2018.</p>	<p>Contact your PTC or AHCCCS at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov if you have any questions.</p>
Targeted Investments Year 3 Core Component #1 Milestone Deadline Extension	<p>The October 31, 2018 completion date for TI <u>Year 3</u> Core Component #1 milestone for Primary Care, Behavioral Health and Justice Areas of Concentration has been modified and extended to December 31, 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***For Primary Care, Behavioral Health and Justice Providers only***</p>	<p>Contact your PTC or AHCCCS at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov if you have any questions.</p>

Publications And Resources

Equity Enhancement Program: Eight Health Information Technology Best Practices for REAL Data Collection	<p>A key step in resolving health disparities is ensuring health information technology (HIT) systems are set up to collect race, ethnicity, and language (REAL) data according to prevailing requirements and guidelines.</p> <p>This one-pager outlines the best practices to help ensure your organization is aligned with federal requirements for meaningful use of HIT, Joint</p>	<p>Follow this LINK to view the one-pager online.</p>
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Multimedia in Healthcare	Commission recommendations, and federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards.	
Health IT Playbook – Section 5: Patient Engagement Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	<p>The ability of individuals to easily and securely access and use their health information electronically serves as one of the cornerstones of nationwide efforts to increase patient and family engagement and advance person-centered health.</p> <p>Patient engagement provides big benefits for your practice and your patients. Those benefits include better:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Care • Outcomes 	<p>Follow this LINK to the online Health IT Playbook.</p> <p>Contact your PTC for support integrating this information into your transformation plan and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement best practices for patient engagement • Find resources for increasing patient engagement • See what telehealth can do for your practice
Contact Pii		
	<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: info@pii.org</p>	

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