



Practice Innovation Institute

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News You Need to Know

2018 Health Current Summit & Trade Show Success

The 2018 Health Current Summit & Trade Show in collaboration with the Practice Innovation Institute was a huge success with over 330 registered to attend! Thank you to all the Pii Practices that were able to be there! We hope you found this opportunity to learn and network to be beneficial.

And a special thank you to the following Pii Participants for speaking at the Summit:

- Danielle Griffith, Corporate Compliance Director, Southwest Network
- Teresa Hoffmeyer, Site Director, RI International
- Fred Karst, PsyD, COO, Horizon Health and Wellness
- Lori Pearlmutter, Quality Manager, North Country Healthcare
- Priya Radhakrishnan, MD, Pii Clinical Advisor
- Stacey Rochman, Pii Program Director
- Jenn Sommers, Pii Physician Organizations & Relations Director
- Jeff Weil, Chief Information & Brand Officer, District Medical Group of Arizona
- Mary Jo Whitfield, Vice President of Integrated Health, Jewish Family & Children's Services



Health IT Innovation Award
Recipient - Horizon Health and
Wellness



Health IT Leader Award
Recipient - Peter Vermilyea,
PharmD, Winslow Indian Health
Care Center



Arizona Opioid E-Prescribing Requirement

Beginning **January 1, 2019**, 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.

The deadline to request a waiver is

Follow this [LINK](#) to the **Click for Control** website for fact sheets, FAQs, to register for a webinar, and additional information.

See below for upcoming webinars

A one-time, one-year waiver is available to practitioners who face hardships that prevent the implementation of EPCS. If you determine that you will be unable to meet the EPCS requirements, you can download a [Waiver Form](#) and email the completed form to pmp@azpharmacy.gov.

Greenway Health

Greenway Health, an EHR vendor, sent a communication on 12/6 at 4pm to their clients that have Prime Suite and Intergy 2014 and 2015 Editions indicating they have several Promoting Interoperability measures that are calculating numerators at higher values than they should.

TCPI Response:

MIPS eligible clinicians or groups that have experienced issues with their CEHRT vendor that may result in their inability to report on measures under the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category may submit a MIPS Promoting Interoperability hardship exception application citing the “extreme and uncontrollable circumstances” category under vendor issues. Clinicians, groups, and Virtual Groups should retain documentation of their circumstances supporting their application for their own records in the event CMS requests data validation or audit. For more information in regards to submitting a Promoting Interoperability hardship exception, please see the About Exceptions Applications page.



Link to Hardship Exception Application - [Here](#)

Link to “About Exception Applications” page - [Here](#)

Webinars



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.

- **December 13, 2018** – 12:00pm-1:00pm
- **December 18, 2018** – 7:00am-8:00am

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Click for More Information: Webinar Registration, Fact Sheets, FAQs & More

HIE User Lunch and Learn

Hosted by: Health Current
12:00pm – 1:00pm



Health Current is hosting a series of Lunch and Learn webinars to assist HIE participants.

The December 12 HIE User Lunch and Learn will focus on utilizing HIE alerts in a healthcare setting to improve patient care coordination. In addition, how to keep your patient panel up to date, so that alerts are relevant to the patient population being monitored within your organization, will be reviewed.

- **December 12** – “Care Coordination & Case Management”

There is no cost for these webinars. Visit Health Current website for additional information and to register

[Click to Register](#)

Opioid Safety Webinar Series: Patient and Family Perspectives

American College of Physicians-Arizona Chapter
with Telligen

December 12, 2018

11:00am - 12:00pm

The opioid crisis has far-reaching effects. Clinicians are often directly impacted through their prescribing practices for chronic pain patients, as well as being challenged to find alternative methods for treatment. Suggest highlighting this since it's the topic that will be addressed in this particular session. Patients and families are also directly impacted via their access, or lack thereof, to necessary medication, as well as potential ripple effects of misuse or overdose.

Join this panel discussion to learn more about integrating Opioid Safety into your PFE strategies.

Follow this [LINK](#) to register through the AMA's Share, Listen, Speak, Learn web page.

Registration links to this and other webinars are listed on the left side of the page.



Rewards and Recognition

Congratulations to the Pii practices which recently completed all 5 phases of transformation:

- LaFrontera EMPACT | November
- San Tan Allergy & Asthma | December

By completing the phases of transformation, these practices are prepared for successful participation in value-based, alternative payment arrangement programs.



Information for Practices Participating in AHCCCS' Targeted Investments Program

TI Year 3 Core Component #1

The completion date for part one of the Year 3 CC #1 Milestone is **December 31, 2018**. This Milestone is for Justice, PCP and Behavioral Health participants.



An educational module to assist the participants has been posted on the Targeted Investments homepage.

Please contact your PTC or AHCCCS targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov with any questions about the program or milestones

Please [click here](#) to view it.

Publications

eCQI Resource Center Redesign - CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated and redesigned the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center website. The eCQI Resource Center is a one-stop shop for federal eCQI initiatives that includes the most current electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) specifications, as well as links to the tools, standards, education, and materials critical to support development, testing, implementation, and reporting of eCQMs.



Follow this [LINK](#) to the new and improved eCQI site.

Arizona Child Fatality Review Report - Arizona Department of Health Services: State Child Fatality Review Program

More than 25 years ago the state legislature passed a law establishing the Arizona Child Fatality Review Program which involves a review of all child deaths in Arizona by team of public health and law enforcement professionals who then produce an annual report of their findings and recommendations for preventing child deaths.



Follow this [LINK](#) to read the complete report.

**A primary finding of the report:
337 of the 806 child deaths in Arizona in 2017
could have been prevented**

- Suicides accounted for 6% of child deaths – a record high.
- Substance abuse was a contributing

We applaud Pii practices for supporting healthy children and families through regular child wellness visits and SDOH screenings. This report provides information on trends and additional prevention strategies.

factor in 136 deaths – 50 of them in children less than one year of age.

- The most common cause of infant deaths was unsafe sleep suffocation.

Contact Pii



Have a question?

Do you have a story to share?

Is there information you would like to see in our emails?

Email: info@piiaz.org

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