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Washington State Health Information Technology Forum:

Sponsored by the Washington State Health Care Authority, eHealth Collaborative Enterprise

This is the first of a series of forums to take place over the next four years to communicate with and engage stakeholders in the statewide Health Information Technology (HIT) activities supported by Washington State and funded by the ARRA-HITECH grants, which are managed by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Questions to be answered at this forum:

• How is the work being coordinated and accomplished between ONC, Health Care Authority (HCA) and Medicaid?

• How do the HITECH programs and activities support meaningful use? What are the roles, responsibilities and expected outcomes of the HITECH program grantees to help providers meet “meaningful use” criteria?

• What are key ARRA/HITECH timelines and deliverables? What are some challenges and how will Washington State accomplish the deliverables?

• What is ONC’s perspective on “meaningful use”? What is the relationship between CMS and ONC with respect to “meaningful use” rule-making and EHR Incentive Program roll-out and support? What is the status of the final “meaningful use” rules?

• What is the status of the ARRA-HITECH grant programs in Washington State? How do you get involved?

Who should attend?

Providers and health care organizations interested in learning more about the “meaningful use” rules and the EHR Incentive Program, as well as the latest ARRA-HITECH grant program activities.
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HIT Forum Agenda:

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Forum Moderator - Richard Onizuka, PhD, State Government HIT Coordinator, Health Policy Director, Washington State Health Care Authority

SESSION 1: MEANINGFUL USE INCENTIVE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meaningful Use overview - ONC Representative
- State Medicaid HIT Plan, Medicaid Meaningful Use Incentive Program Criteria - Rich Campbell, HRSA
- Public Health Meaningful Use Incentive Program Criteria and Collaboration with Medicaid - Bryant Karras, DOH
- Medicare Meaningful Use Incentive Program - CMS Representative

PANEL Q&A

SESSION 2: ARRA/HITECH PROGRAM UPDATE

- HITECH Overview - Richard Onizuka, PhD, HCA
- Health Information Exchange - Rick Rubin, OneHealthPort
- Telehealth/Telemed Broadband - Jeff Mero, Washington Telehealth Consortium
- Regional Extension Centers - Peggy Evans, Qualis Health
- Workforce Training and Development - Patricia Dombrowski, Bellevue College
- Beacon Community - Jac Davies, Inland Northwest Health Services

PANEL Q&A/CLOSING REMARKS

Thursday, June 24, 2010
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Puget Sound Regional Council
1011 Western Ave., Suite 500
Seattle, Washington 98104

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