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RHODE ISLAND QUALITY INSTITUTE HOSTS SECOND HEALTH IT EXPO TO HELP PROVIDERS IMPROVE CARE THROUGH HEALTH IT AND QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL INCENTIVES

RI Regional Extension Center Expo connects providers with vendors and consultants who can assist them with EHR adoption, data sharing via Direct, and achieving Meaningful Use

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND— The Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety and value of healthcare in Rhode Island, is hosting today its second health information technology expo for all Rhode Island healthcare providers at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The free event is put on by Rhode Island Regional Extension Center (RI REC), a service of RIQI, for all Rhode Island providers, their staff, and other members of the healthcare community. RI REC is free for health care professionals to join and to participate in many of its services including the Electronic Health Record Adoption Program. RI REC is one of 62 across the country that provides support to eligible primary care providers (PCPs), regardless of what stage they are in, with their EHR adoption and implementation process. For those providers who have already implemented an EHR, RI REC offers valuable information and resources on meaningful use gap analyses, EHR workflow, and quality reporting and improvement.

During the Expo, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with pre-qualified vendors and consultants, test software, learn from other physicians' experiences as well as ask questions of representatives from a local bank, members of Rhode Island healthcare organizations, Medicare and Rhode Island's Medicaid office. This year's Expo will also feature Health Information Service Providers (HISPs), new to the Vendor Marketplace, which play an important role in delivering important clinical information via Direct from one care provider to another.

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“The Health IT Expo is an incredible opportunity to learn from the best in the industry about state and federal programs, incentives, Meaningful Use requirements, and available technology solutions,” commented Jennie Chiller Gordon, REC Program Management Director at RIQI. “We are thrilled to host this event for the second time so that providers from different specialties across the state can trade experiences and learn from each other.”

Informational presentations at the Expo will include:

Keynote: Thomas Tsang, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Meaningful Use and Quality, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Question and Answer Session: Meaningful Use - Ask the Experts

Panel to be moderated by Dr. Thomas Tsang and feature four technical services consultants including:

Ben Hahn, Arcadia Solutions

James J. Bush, Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative

Brenda Jenkins, Quality Partners of Rhode Island

Richmond Appiah, The Ficus Consulting Group

Panel Presentation: EHR Lessons Learned

“What Not to Do When Implementing Your EHR”

Presented by Stephen DeRosa, MA, Vice President Information Systems & Quality Management, and David Savitzky, MD (Child & Adolescent Psychiatry), Associate Medical Director, Gateway Healthcare

“Reigning in your EHR: Performance Improvement, Population Management & Lessons Learned”

Presented by David Gorelick, MD, FACP and Jean Sanders, BSN, Aquidneck Medical Associates

Two other brand new RI REC services to debut at the Expo include the Direct Messaging program and the Health IT Certification program for providers.

For more information on RI REC or to enroll, please visit www.DocEHRTalk.org or call RI REC Member Services at 888-858-4815, option 4, or email RIREC@riqi.org

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About the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI)

Founded in 2001, the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) is a collaboration of leaders in the Rhode Island community who share the intent to substantially improve the healthcare system in the state. The collaboration includes CEOs of hospitals, health insurers, and businesses, along with leaders of consumer groups, academia, and government. RIQI's mission is to significantly improve the quality, safety, and value of health care in Rhode Island. RIQI is the Governor-designated sole Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) for Rhode Island, chosen to coordinate the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). As the RHIO, RIQI is charged with bringing together health care stakeholders within the state and governing HIE among them for the purpose of improving health outcomes in the community. For more information, visit www.RIQI.org.