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Health IT Expo draws more than 200

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WARWICK – The second annual Health IT Expo on May 18 provided health care providers with an opportunity to speak with vendors and consultants and test software.

More than 200 attended the event, a sign of the ever-growing interest in adapting and adopting health information technology, said Elise B. Hamann, communications manager at the Quality Institute. The event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Providence Warwick and was sponsored by the Rhode Island Quality Institute and its Rhode Island Regional Extension Center Vendor Marketplace.

In advance of the expo, the REC Vendor Marketplace has expanded to include 23 pre-qualified electronic health records, software vendors and technical service consultants, Hamann said. The REC Vendor Marketplace is free for health care professionals to join; it is one of 62 RECs across the country that provides support to eligible primary care providers with their EHR adoption and their achievement of Meaningful Use standards.

“We are excited to expand our vendor marketplace with new EHR vendors and technical service consultants,” said Ken Berry, who directs R.I. REC program management. “This provides Rhode Island physicians with additional choices to receive discounted products and services from experienced health IT organizations.”

The R.I. Quality Institute is currently assisting about 600 Rhode Island physicians with EHR adoption and with attaining Meaningful Use status with their EHRs, according to Berry.

The pre-qualified EHR software vendors include: Allscripts; Amazing Charts; Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc., a NextGen Partner; CureMD; eClinicalWorks; Enable Healthcare, Inc.; GE Healthcare; Greenway Medical Technologies; Ingenix; Longwood Systems Inc.; Medical Informatics Engineering Inc.; MedInformatix Inc.; NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc.; Polaris Medical Management, Inc.; and SuccessEHS.