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**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO BENEFIT FROM RIQI'S REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER'S
EXPANDED VENDOR MARKETPLACE**

***Vendor marketplace offers valuable resources to help providers implement
Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and achieve 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, announced today that its Rhode Island Regional Extension Center (RI REC) Vendor Marketplace has expanded to include 23 pre-qualified EHR software vendors and technical service consultants. RI REC is free for health care professionals to join and is one of 62 RECs across the country that provides support to eligible primary care providers (PCPs) with their EHR adoption and their achievement of Meaningful Use.

Through a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, RI REC has funding available for a limited time to assist eligible Rhode Island PCPs in achieving Meaningful Use. Meaningful Use is defined as the federal criteria for providers in how to use EHRs in a way that demonstrates improved quality of care. Meeting these criteria may also allow providers to be eligible for RI REC subsidies and incentive payments from Medicare, Medicaid and others.

RI REC evaluates and pre-qualifies EHR software vendors and technical service consultants based on business stability, strategy to meet meaningful use objectives, and their experience in the RI healthcare market. In addition, this select group of vendors offers pre-negotiated discounted pricing and is dedicated to helping providers save time as well as money and avoid common problems with implementation.

"We are excited to expand our Vendor Marketplace with new EHR Vendors and Technical Service Consultants," stated Ken Berry, RIQI, Director, REC Program Management. "This provides Rhode Island physicians with additional choices to receive discounted products and services from experienced health IT organizations. RIQI's RI REC is currently assisting almost 600 Rhode Island physicians with EHR adoption and with attaining Meaningful Use of their EHRs."

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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.

The pre-qualified technical service consultants include: Arcadia Solutions; Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, Inc.; General Technology Corp. (d/b/a CompUtopia); Electronic Health Records of Rhode Island (EHRRI); Lifespan/Physicians PSO; Longwood Systems, Inc.; Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative; NetCenergy; Polaris Medical Management; Quality Partners of Rhode Island; and The Ficus Consulting Group.

For more information on RI REC's prequalified EHR software vendors or technical service consultants and guidance on what questions to ask, please visit <http://docehrtalk.org/selecting-ehr/vendor-marketplace-participants>.

On May 18, 2011, from 5:00—9:00 p.m., RI REC will hold its second Health IT Expo at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. This event gives providers the opportunity to speak with RI REC vendors and consultants, test software, and learn from other physicians' experiences with EHRs. Walk-ins from the Rhode Island healthcare community are welcome.

In January 2012, RI REC will re-open the application process for vendors and consultants who wish to be included in the Marketplace.

For more information and to enroll, visit RI REC's website, www.DocEHRtalk.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 substantively 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.