RIDOH Electronic Case Reporting Outreach

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eCR – A Quality Reporting Requirement

- The CDC defines electronic case reporting (eCR) as the automated, real-time exchange of case report information between electronic health records (EHRs) and public health agencies.
- eCR allows Medicaid providers to fulfill their legal obligations to report conditions of public health concern with less administrative burden.
- It is a Public Health & Clinical Data Exchange quality measure.
- eCR qualifies as an objective for eligible Clinicians/facilities participating in the Promoting Interoperability Program (PIP), formerly called Meaningful Use.
- Meeting this measure will avoid downward payment adjustment for Medicare Clinicians

Current State

- **Updated RIDOH MU Website**
  - The MU website has been updated to reflect the Electronic Public health Reporting and Promoting Interoperability (PI) program
  - The focus is on creating awareness and education on the objective measures of the PI program for healthcare providers
  - Increased focus on electronic reporting to public health and ultimately improve patient care

Current State

- RIDOH's effort and readiness to work with eligible professionals (EPs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) to help them meet Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program requirements, especially eCR.
- Links to eCR, MIPS, Immunization, Birth Defects Registry webpages
- Register intent to send new data streams for public health reporting measures: Immunization, Syndromic Surveillance, Electronic Case Reporting & eCR
- https://health.ri.gov/medicalrecords/about/meaningfuluse/

Current State

- **Dedicated eCR Webpage & Registration of Intent**
  - We now have a dedicated webpage for eCR awareness and reporting requirement
  - Features and benefits of eCR
  - Manual Vs Electronic Case reporting
  - Explains CMS Promoting Interoperability requirement to avoid Medicare downward payment adjustment
  - Contains more learning materials on eCR
  - Revamped Registration of Intent form for eCR
  - https://health.ri.gov/medicalrecords/about/ecr/

Outreach

- In January 2023, an outreach email announcing RIDOH's readiness to receive Electronic Case Reports (eCR), which is a required public health reporting tool for the Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly Meaningful Use).
- The announcement contained educational flyers, however there are additional steps to participate.

Next Steps: Participate in eCR

Step 1: Prepare

- Verify your electronic health record (EHR) is on the Certified Health IT Products List *Note: For calendar year 2023, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) attesting to the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program will be required to only use certified health IT that has been updated consistent with the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria to successfully meet the CEHRT requirements.
- Ensure your EHR product have the capability to submit Health Level 7 (HL7) electronic initial case report (eICR) standards (R1.1 and R3) for electronic case reporting and to support the new CMS Promoting Interoperability regulation for eCR
- Visit the AIMS Platform website for a guide

Next Steps: Participate in eCR

Step 2: Contact

- Communicate intent to participate in eCR with RIDOH:
- Register your intent for eCR on RIDOH website - Register your intent for eCR
- Communicate intent to participate in eCR with the AIMS eCR Support Team

Step 3: Implement

- Work with your EHR vendor to connect to the APHL AIMS Platform
  - eCR-Info@aimsplatform.org

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Step 4: Testing and Validation Phases

- Enter a testing and validation status where your eCR data undergoes basic testing and validation by AIMS and further testing and validation by RIDOH.

IMPORTANT: You must continue your existing reporting method for reportable conditions until you receive official notification from DOH authorizing you to discontinue manual reporting.

Questions