

Leveraging EHRs to Improve Patient Care

HealthInsight, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Nevada has been focusing on promoting and supporting the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) qualified electronic health record (EHR) systems in an effort to develop the standardization of reporting and using clinical data in a meaningful way. By standardizing the data, this allows a more efficient approach towards data reporting for multiple pay for performance initiatives. This approach has eliminated the use of third party mediators to report clinical data in the initiative, ultimately reducing monetary and resource burdens to the physician offices we're working with.

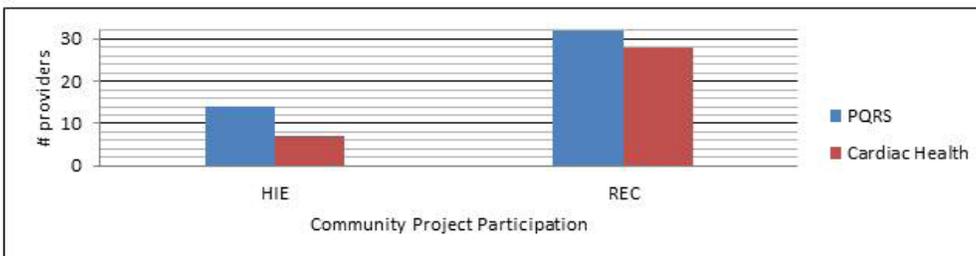
HealthInsight achieved this standardization of data reporting by streamlining multiple efforts across projects. This approach aligned the work of the Regional Extension Center (REC), Health Information Exchange (HIE), Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) program, and the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization Cardiac Health initiative, allowing for efficient data collection, reporting resources, and ultimately improve patient care.



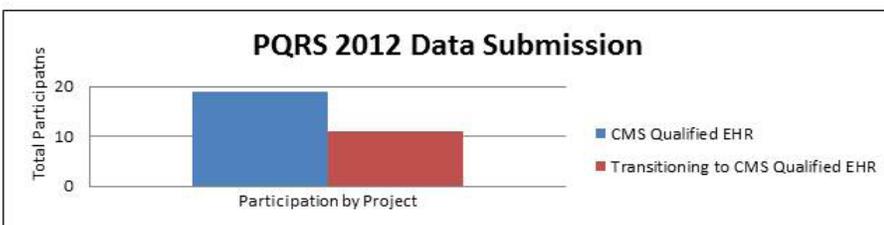
Educational Series

The next step for *HealthInsight* Nevada is to move toward providing education on the appropriate use of EMRs to provide minable data for reporting in the PQRS and Cardiac Health measures programs. As a result of this educational series, it is anticipated that the next reporting period will demonstrate a positive trending of the data.

Provider Overlap Participating in Multiple Community Projects



As a result of the initiative, 19 of 32 recruited physicians are using a CMS-qualified system that will facilitate the reporting of PQRS data. Additionally, 11 more physicians are transitioning into one of these systems and will be able to report 2013 PQRS data. The impacts of these transitions not only allows the physician to receive an incentive payment to offset the costs associated with the adoption of this sophisticated health information technology, but more importantly, provide them with feedback on the quality of care they are giving to their patient population.



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