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# Update

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## Arizona E-Prescribing Progress Best in the Nation Ranking Moved from 22nd to 11th in 2018

In 2018, Arizona led all states in e-prescribing advancement, according to the national e-prescribing monitoring company, Surescripts. Arizona's



progress was driven by advancements in the e-prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS). By the end of 2018, 98.6 percent of all pharmacies were EPCS-enabled, 47.2 percent of prescribers were EPCS-enabled, and 23.6 percent of prescribers had prescribed controlled substances using EPCS. These advancements moved Arizona from 22nd in the nation to 11th, the largest jump of any state.

A key factor in Arizona's progress has been the e-prescribing mandate for opioid prescriptions that originally took effect in January 2019 and was subsequently delayed a year by the Arizona legislature. On February 14, 2019, Governor Ducey signed an amendment to the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act that pushed the mandate back to January 2020 and eliminated the waiver process that was in the original legislation.

Another factor in Arizona's progress has been the [Click for Control](#) campaign from Health Current last year. This successful campaign, a collaborative initiative of Health Current, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS), the Arizona Board of Pharmacy and community partner organizations, will continue in 2019. Connie Ihde, Director of Programs, stressed that the 2019 Click for Control campaign will focus on preparing Arizona prescribers for the mandate that goes into effect January 1, 2020 - with no waivers available. "We were pleased to see the progress in Arizona in 2018," Ihde said, "however, many providers still have much work to do." The key step, according to Ihde, is for prescribers to talk to their EHR vendors and map out a plan that will make them EPCS-capable before the mandate goes into effect. [Read more here.](#)

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## New EHR Reporting Programs - Open Forums

June 10 - 11, 2019

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has contracted with the Urban Institute and its subcontractor, HealthTech Solutions, to obtain stakeholder input on how to develop the EHR Reporting Program through public open forums across the country. Health Current is assisting these organizations in organizing and promoting these Open Forums in Arizona.



For more information and to RSVP, see the [event flyer here](#).

Input from practices like yours will help determine:

- What information should developers of certified health IT report?
- What information from users could be made available?
- How should that information be collected?
- How should this information be disseminated to the public? (for example, would you prefer a product comparison website, data in a spreadsheet, or something else?)

In the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Congress directed the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a new EHR Reporting Program, which the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) is currently developing. The goal of this program is to provide publicly-available, comparative information about certified health IT features related to security, usability, interoperability, conformance to certification testing, and other areas in order to improve transparency of the market.

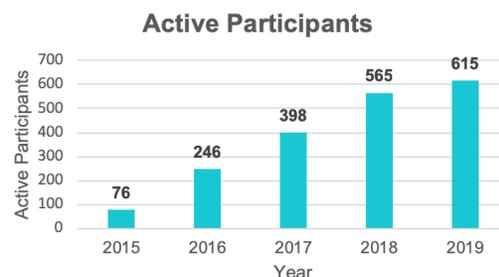
Providers are encouraged to provide input at an upcoming public open forum on [the new EHR Reporting Program](#), which will provide publicly-available, no-cost, comparative information on certified health IT available on the market. Please note that the open forums are scheduled for two hours, but providers are encouraged to drop-in whenever they are available.

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## Health Current Reaches Significant 600<sup>th</sup> Participant Milestone

Caring Connections for Special Needs recently became Health Current's 600th Participant when they joined in early May. Caring Connections for Special Needs provides services to children who have behavioral health and other special needs, providing year-round, 24/7 in-home or on-site services and respite care in several southern Arizona locations. Shannon Casey, Chief Operating Officer, is pleased with the access to information that participation will bring. "We are excited to get more involved with Health Current" Casey said. "The process has been easy and straight forward. We are looking forward to exploring the HIE and all of the benefits it can provide for our members."

The addition of Health Current's 600th participant continued the rapid growth that Arizona's HIE has seen for more than three years. In 2018 Health Current continued a third straight year of rapid growth, adding another 171 participants in 2018 and adding nearly 500 participants over the past three years.



For a list of Health Current's Participants, [click here](#)

## More Frequent & More Robust Information on Health Current Data Suppliers

Health Current recently went live with a new [Data Providers & Data Types page](#) on the Health Current website. To allow for more frequent and information on Health Current data suppliers and data types, information for the page is now pulled directly from Health Current's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. When interfaces are created for Health Current Participants that allow them to supply data to



Health Current, this information is captured in the CRM system. Information on data suppliers and types has always been a highly visited website page, the information had been pulled in a manual process; however, Health Current's size and growth required a more automated approach. With the new page which is available [here](#), more information and more frequent information will be available on this page that will be updated the first week of each month.

The general types of information provided are:

- Part 2 Data - Data from this organization includes Part 2 (42 CFR Part 2) information that is afforded special confidentiality protection and requires Part 2 consent. To find out how to receive Part 2 consent, contact your Account Manager.
- ADTs - These notifications of admissions, discharges and transfers (ADTs) may contain immunizations, medications, problem lists, treatments/procedures and other documents.
- Clinical information - These records may be Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) or HL7 v2 messages containing immunizations, medications, problem lists, lab or radiology reports, treatments/procedures, allergies and other clinical documents.

Soon to come will be a PDF available on the same page that will provide a much more detailed list of the specific types of data provided by each data supplier.

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## Upcoming Events

# SAVE THE DATE

## Pii Symposium

September 16, 2019

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Desert Willow Conference Center

4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85040

Registration Opening Soon

Practice Innovation Institute  
Engage. Transform. Reward.



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## 2019 Health Current Summit & Trade Show

### November 13 - 14, 2019

Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel & Spa | Glendale, AZ

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- Data Analyst



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