Health Current Selects NowPow as Technology Partner to Implement a Statewide Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System in Arizona

AHCCCS, Arizona’s Health Information Exchange and 2-1-1 Arizona Team Up to Address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Screening & Referrals

Social Determinants of Health Referral System Roadshow Series
March 3, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Health Current, Arizona’s health information exchange (HIE), announced earlier this month, the selection of NowPow as the vendor of choice for Arizona’s closed loop referral system (CLRS) to address social determinants of health (SDOH) needs in Arizona. By connecting healthcare and community service providers on a single statewide technology platform, this new service promises to streamline the referral process, foster easier access to vital services, and provide confirmation when social services are delivered.

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Arizona’s state Medicaid agency, launched its Whole Person Care Initiative (WPCI) to focus on the...
social factors that have an impact on individual health and well-being, such as housing, employment, criminal justice, non-emergency transportation, and home and community-based services interventions. As part of the WPCI strategy, AHCCCS partnered with Health Current to implement a technology solution that can support providers, health plans, community-based organizations (CBOs) and community stakeholders in meeting the social service needs of Arizonans. Read More.

If you are interested in staying informed about our new system or to sign-up with the new service once available, please fill out the SDOH Interest Form.

AHCCCS DAP Program (Oct. 1, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2022)  
HIE Requirements - Deadline to Submit LOI: April 1

AHCCCS published its DAP CYE 2022 Preliminary Public Notice on January 29, 2021, and public comments are due before or on February 26, 2021. All eligible providers that have DAP incentives available related to HIE must complete certain milestones, including submission of a signed Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS and Health Current by April 1, 2021, to receive the following DAP financial incentives:

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<th>AHCCCS Eligible Provider Types</th>
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<td>Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics (Type 77)</td>
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<td>Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)</td>
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<td>Hospitals Subject to APR-DRG Reimbursement (Type 02) excluding Critical Access Hospitals</td>
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<td>IHS and 638 Tribally Owned and/or Operated Facilities (Type 02)</td>
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<td>Nursing Facilities (Type 22)</td>
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<td>Other Hospitals and Inpatient Facilities (Types 71, B1, B3, B5, B6, C4)</td>
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*Hospitals, CAH and Other Inpatient Facilities will participate in HIE Data Quality Improvement activities. See Preliminary Public Notice for quality standards and criteria.

One of the integral parts of the DAP incentives for many eligible Medicaid providers includes participation in and connectivity to a qualifying HIE. As Arizona’s statewide HIE, Health Current is here to support your participation in the AHCCCS DAP Contract Year End (CYE) 2022 Program.

To download LOI templates, watch recorded webinars or to learn more, Click Here.
Health Current, Arizona’s health information exchange (HIE) has developed the CMS Conditions of Participation (CoP) Compliance (C3) Support services to assist hospitals in meeting the new CMS Patient Event Notifications requirement. The HIE is well positioned to serve as an intermediary to help your organization meet the new CMS requirements.

The deadline for hospitals to comply with the new requirement is May 2, 2021.

Watch the C3 Support webinar or download the presentation here.

To learn more about our C3 Support services Click Here. To download the CMS CoP White Paper Click Here or contact Peter Steinken, Director of Community Engagement, at 602-464-9641 or peter.steinken@healthcurrent.org.

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### Upcoming March Webinars

Register to attend any of the upcoming webinars below. Registration is completed through Eventbrite. All recorded webinars will be posted on the Health Current YouTube channel.

**Social Determinants of Health Referral System Roadshow Series**
March 3, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

**PI Program Webinar: Documentation Retention**
March 25, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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### Welcome New HIE Participants

We want to welcome our newest participants to the HIE. For a complete list of HIE Participants, click here.

To learn how the HIE can help your practice have more complete information for better care and better outcomes, contact Jayme Pina, Manager, Recruitment & Engagement, at 602-688-7216, via email or complete an HIE Interest Form.
Information Blocking – Resources for Healthcare Providers

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) published the Information Blocking Final Rule on May 1, 2020. The Information Blocking Rule (45 C.F.R. Part 171) went into effect on June 30, 2020. The compliance deadline, originally scheduled for November 2, 2020, has been extended to April 5, 2021.

The Information Blocking Rule implements a requirement of the 21st Century Cures Act, which prohibits healthcare providers, health information technology (IT) developers, health information networks (HINs) and health information exchanges (HIEs) from impermissibly interfering with the access, exchange or use of electronic health information (EHI).

Health Current, Arizona’s HIE, is providing the following documents to assist organizations to comply with the new rule. Learn More

Stay Covered, Stay Healthy, #MaskUpAZ
Cover your mouth and nose. Avoid side gaps.

Click this link for outreach materials you can share to remind everyone to #MaskUpAZ.

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