Interoperability Physician Reporting Workgroup North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)

Identification of Critical External Partnerships Physician Reporting Planning Document

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Background

Preparing for national implementation of physician cancer reporting via electronic health record records (EHR) requires building new external partnerships for many cancer registries. These new partnerships are critical in developing a thorough understanding of the new and rapidly changing HIT environment. They are also critical for achieving a successful broad-scale, population-based, systems-level approach to cancer reporting planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Identification of Critical External Partnerships

The NAACCR External Partnerships Physician Reporting workgroup identified the following entities as critical to achieving successful physician EHR reporting for both overall reporting and Stage 2 Meaningful Use.

Links to the organizations to assist with background information and/or locating your state-level entities are provided wherever possible.

- State and Local Medical Associations/Societies—State and sometimes county-level chapters of the <u>American Medical Association</u> (AMA) and <u>American Osteopathic Association</u> (AOA). If you cannot locate county-level medical societies on your state medical association web site, you can also try the <u>Agape Center</u> website directory.
- Physician Specialty Societies—The AMA provides a directory of <u>physician</u> <u>specialty societies</u>, that may include state and other local-level chapters.
 Suggested societies for physician reporting include the following:
 - American Society of Clinical Oncology
 - American Society of Hematology
 - American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology
 - American College of Radiation Oncology
 - American Academy of Dermatology
 - American Association of Clinical Urologists

- American College of Gastroenterology
- American College of Surgeons
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Gastroenterological Association
- American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- American Urological Association
- o Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons
- Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- American College of Physician Executives
- American College of Physicians
- American Medical Group Association
- Physician Office Manager Association—Seven states have state branches of the <u>Association of Physician Office Managers</u>. These office managers tend to be the main point of contact for physician reporting.
- Oncology Nursing Managers
 —Some states have local groups for oncology nursing managers or active members of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS).
- Medical Group Management Association—The Medical Group Management Association - American College of Medical Practice Executives (MGMA-ACMPE) is an association for professional administrators and leaders of medical group practices. MGMA-ACMPE maintains a <u>state affiliate directory</u> that can be accessed online.
- State Health Information Management Association—Main points of contact for physician offices also tend to have professional training and background in health information management and belong to their local chapters of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). AHIMA maintains a directory of local AHIMA chapters that can be accessed online.
- HIMSS—A variety of external partners involved in HIT often belong to a local chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS, formerly Health Information Management Systems Society and prior to that, Hospital Management Systems Society (HMSS)). HIMSS is a not-for-profit organization focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of

- information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. HIMSS maintains a directory of local HIMSS chapters online.
- Regional Extension Centers —A Regional Extension Center (REC) is an organization that has received funding under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) to assist health care providers with the selection and implementation of EHR technology. RECs are funded specifically to 1) provide training and support services to assist in EHR adoption, 2) offer information and guidance with EHR implementation (but not to carry out such an implementation), and 3) give other technical assistance as needed. A directory of RECs is provided on the HealthIT.gov website.
- Health Information Exchange(s) (HIEs) and Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs)—HIEs and RHIOs provide the capability to securely move clinical information electronically among different health care information systems, while maintaining the meaning of the information being exchanged. The goal of an HIE is to facilitate access to, and retrieval of, clinical data to provide safer and more timely, efficient, effective, and equitable patient-centered care. HIEs and RHIOs are of particular interest to cancer reporting due to their potential to decrease the number of individual physician office reporter sites that a registry must work with, while minimizing the reporting burden to public health agencies. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) supports the state Health Information Exchange Program. A directory of HIE plans and contacts for each state can be found on the ONC web site. Please note that not all HIEs are state-run; the type of HIE—public, private, non-profit, for-profit, or any combination thereof—can vary among and within states.
- Immunization Registries—Immunization registries are also responsible for implementing physician reporting through EHRs, and have gained valuable experience and lessons learned through participation in Stage 1 meaningful use. State contacts can be located on the CDC Immunizations Information Systems web site.
- State HIT Coordinators—States HIT Coordinators lead and often serve as a single point of coordination for health information technology initiatives. They may serve as a central contact for learning additional information about external partnerships, as well as past, present, and future state HIT coordination and initiatives. They are also sometimes referred to as an "Office of e-Health Coordination." A state directory of HIT Coordinators is available online.

■ State Medicaid Programs—State Medicaid programs are responsible for implementing the EHR Incentive programs for meaningful use, and may have information on what physician are currently reporting through EHRs, as well as what EHR software is being used. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) provide a listing of state level Medicaid EHR Incentive Program contacts.