Study: HIEs Help Reduce Unnecessary Medical Imaging Up to 25%

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The use of health information exchanges can reduce the odds that a patient will undergo unnecessary repeat imaging by up to 25%, according to a recent study published in the *American Journal of Managed Care, Clinical Innovation & Technology*. Researchers focused on a cohort of 196,314 patients in 11 New York counties, using claims data from two major insurance plans as well as information drawn from the Rochester Regional Health Information Organization (Rochester RHIO) to discover how HIE-connected providers ordered imaging compared to non-connected peers.

The study found that 18% of patients had one or more imaging procedures between 2009 and 2010, and 7.7% of images were repeated over the course of a 90-day period. In addition, researchers found that 5% of patients with providers who used the HIE had repeat images, compared with 8% of patients with providers that did not access the HIE.

Read more.
(Source: *iHealthBeat*)

Identifying Homelessness Using Health Information Exchange Data

Health information exchange data enabled the identification of a large number of patients likely to be homeless and to observe the wide variation in registration practices for homeless patients within and across sites. The results revealed that 78,460 out of 7,854,927 Healthix patients (1%) were likely to have been homeless over the study period of September 30, 2008 to July 19, 2013. The research was published by *Oxford University Press on behalf of the American Medical Informatics Association* on February 10th, 2015.

Read more.
(Source: *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*)

Medicaid Providers Taking Advantage of Free Technical Support for EHR Adoption in Pursuit of Meaningful Use Stage 1 or Stage 2

The New York State Department of Health's Office of Health Insurance Program is utilizing the NYeC REC to support the Medicaid Eligible Professional Expansion Program ("EP2 Program"). Under this grant program, NYeC, with the assistance of its Agent Network, will provide support to Medicaid providers in the 57 counties outside of New York City. The purpose of these support and services is to help healthcare professionals provide medical services to Medicaid patients including:

- Outreach
- Educational activities
- Implementation services
- Technical guidance and instructions

These efforts will help to assist Medicaid Eligible Professionals with the selection and implementation of a CMS Certified EHR capable of meeting the adoption, implementation, or upgrade criteria ("AIU" as defined on the **Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Administrative Support Service** website). NYeC REC support will help providers to attest for **Meaningful Use Stage 1** and allow health information exchange to support care coordination activities. Additionally, the EP2 Program includes support for Medicaid Eligible Professionals who have completed two years of MU1 and are preparing to attest for **MU2**.

For further information and to determine if you qualify, please contact one of NY State's ONC designated Regional Extension Centers.

Contact your Regional Extension Center to Enroll

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Healthix Introduces Alert System

Healthix's new Alert System was recently featured in the latest edition of *Federal Medicine News* on January 21st, 2015. "Healthix's patient alert system known as Clinical Event Notifications, triggers over 5,000 monthly real-time updates to case managers about their high-risk patients enabling them to better navigate crisis situations and develop comprehensive healthcare plans to further their care in the future."

Read more.
(Source: *Healthix*)

HealtheConnections myAlerts HIE Functionality Announced

HealtheConnections is proud to announce the launch of myAlerts, a new feature that will electronically notify healthcare providers when their patients are treated in an in-patient or emergency department setting.

Incoming admission, discharge, or emergency department registration information will be detected by HealtheConnections, automatically generating an alert to notify the provider that a patient is being treated. Alerts will be delivered via secure Direct Mail to a designated secure address, or a non-PHI version will be sent as a text message to the provider's phone number.

Providers have the option to receive the alerts as they are available or in a "daily digest" that is sent one time each day.

The myAlerts feature will be available to providers in March 2015.
(Source: *HealtheConnections*)

Health-Tech Boom Leads to Jobs Crunch

New York's economy is enjoying a technology-driven upswing, but the health-tech explosion is translating into pain for employers. Health IT jobs in New York are harder to fill than elsewhere in the country, according to an analysis by Burning Glass Technologies, a market-research group.

A typical health informatics job posting stays open 40 days in New York, five more than the national average. The wait is six days longer for a clinical-analyst job, and 12 days more for a medical-records supervisor.

Read more.
(Source: *Crain's Health Pulse*)

HIM, Revenue Cycle Analytics to Overtake EHR Purchasing

Revenue cycle analytics, health information management, and administrative IT systems are slated to overtake the EHR purchasing market for hospitals within the next few years, according to a new Frost and Sullivan report. As EHR adoption reaches its peak for larger providers and ICD-10 threatens the reimbursement cycle, organizations will turn to complementary health IT infrastructure to boost their cost-cutting and care quality capabilities.

Read more.
(Source: *Healthcare IT News*)

Choose an Open EHR, DoD is Urged

The DoD's $11 billion Healthcare Management Systems Modernization Electronic Health Record program would replace and modernize the existing EHR system, which supports more than 9.7 million beneficiaries, including active duty, retirees, and their dependents. It serves patients and clinicians in 2,300 locations around the world.

Read more.
(Source: *Healthcare IT News*)

Telehealth Future Continues to Look Bright

Various research points to the growing impact of mobile health and telemedicine strategies in the years ahead. The new report from *Research and Markets* examined the US and European Telehealth Markets from 2010 through 2020 and lays out that the goal of telehealth is prevent hospital readmissions, reduce in-office visits and better manage a patient's health with chronic conditions. "The main drivers of the telemedicine market include the environmental factor, staggering oil prices, ever-increasing globalization, hospital staff shortages and the shift towards more accountable health care," the report reads. Another report from WinterGreen Research examined the telemedicine monitoring marketplace from 2012 through 2018. It determined that the telemedicine dedicated device and software market was priced at $736 million in 2011. It is expected to reach as high as $2.5 billion by 2018. WinterGreen Research also released a report that focused on push to talk telemedicine and mobile health convergence from 2013 through 2019. In 2012, the push to talk device and software markets totaled $214 million. That is projected to reach $4.4 billion by 2019. The mobile health market related to telehealth is also expected to increase from $1.4 billion in 2012 to $1.5 trillion by 2019. This will happen because of the estimated 8.5 billion smartphone and 5 billion tablets that will be in use by that time around the world.

Read more.

(Source: *mHealth Intelligence*)

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