



Pharmacy e-Health Information Technology Collaborative

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My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Director of the Pharmacy e-Health Information (HIT) Collaborative (Collaborative) representing over 250,000 individuals as members of the majority of the national pharmacy associations and key pharmacy organizations involved in HIT. In Jodi Daniel's (Director, Office of Policy and Planning) presentation she mentioned the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative participated in the PDMP work group activity. In addition, the Collaborative members participate in the Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC) and Behavioral Health initiatives providing medication related and e-prescribing expertise for these practice settings.

Pharmacists play an integral role in the inter-professional health care team in providing medication related patient care services outside and in conjunction with the prescription dispensing functions. Through the Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative's work the pharmacy industry has a Roadmap, "*The Roadmap for Pharmacy Health Information Technology Integration in U.S. Health Care*". The Collaborative will be glad to provide copies to the HITSC members (http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/11-392_RoadMapFinal_singlepages.pdf). This roadmap outlines the goals, objectives and strategies for pharmacists to adopt and implement the MU of the EHR.

Pharmacists are trained and through their access to patients are in a unique position to assist in engaging patient in their health care. Over several years the Collaborative and its members have been working with the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) and Health Level Seven (HL7) on standards that will assist pharmacists in standardizing electronic documentation of pharmacist provided patient care services. One such standard is a joint project between NCPDP and HL7 that will be balloted this fall for a standardized medication action plan (MAP) structured document implementation guide for pharmacy system vendors (containing a reconciled active medication list, indications for each medication and special instructions). This standard document follows the HL7 standard (consolidated CDA using XML) and can be shared with any certified EHR or PHR through Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) or e-prescribing networks.

Effective January 2013, this MAP in manual form is a Medicare Part D regulatory requirement for providers to hand to beneficiaries after their annual comprehensive medication review (CMR). Having this MAP form electronically using a structured document will help engage patients with technology and allow MU of EHR with the ability to obtain a consolidated CDA structured document with an active medication list reconciled by a pharmacist.

Thank you.

No Response.