



Pharmacy e-Health Information Technology Collaborative

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Comments made by Shelly Spiro, Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative Director.

My name is Shelly Spiro, I am the Director of the Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative (a newly formed collaborative of 9 national pharmacy associations). The Collaborative is focused on ensuring that technical standards are aligned with the nation's growing need for the all inclusive clinical services provided by pharmacists' in all practice settings.

The members of the Collaborative's Organizations represent pharmacists in all practices settings including but limited to hospital, health-systems, clinics, long term and post acute care, hospice, homecare, Indian health services, in community pharmacies in rural underserved areas and in the patient centered medical home model. Some of our members provide the first line of healthcare and medication management services.

The services provided by pharmacists especially medication therapy management (MTM) are integral to all providers using EHR in a meaningful way. Pharmacists play a key role in the prevention of Adverse Drug Events and Medication Reconciliation to assure medications are safely used in all practice settings.

The Pharmacy Practitioner EHR has been developed through the standards organizations and in the near future will be going through the certification process. Pharmacy practitioners have the ability to move past the record keeping aspect of prescription processing to providing a fully integrated clinical EHR. This Pharmacy Practitioner EHR will integrate with other provider's EHR and the patient's PHR to assure the practice improvements provided by pharmacists related to safe medication use is achieved.

The Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative is ready and willing to assist the Quality Measures Work Group with this next stage of meaningful use quality metrics especially as it relates to the prevention of adverse drug events and medication safety.

RESPONSE: No response

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