

June 2016

Health Systems Transformation Monthly Newsletter

Register for a **FREE** webinar on Health Systems Transformation on June 16 at 2:30 PM ET

FREE WEBINAR! 1.5 FREE CME CREDITS!

An Overview of Health Systems Transformation:
The Roles of CDC, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and ACPM!

Thursday, June 16, 2016
2:30 -4:00 PM EDT

The Health Systems Transformation Project



ACPM is hosting a webinar to learn about the significant changes in health care & public health that are being led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and private health systems and how these changes impact your practice of medicine at the individual and community levels.

The webinar will feature three speakers including **Dr. Christa Singleton**, Senior Medical Advisor at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **Dr. Alexander Billioux**, Senior Advisor and Medical Officer at Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and **Dr. Eliza Shulman**, Senior Chief Innovation Engineer at Atrius Health Innovation Center.

[REGISTER HERE FOR THE FREE ONLINE WEBINAR](#)

WHEN: **Thursday, June 16 from 2:30-4:00 PM Eastern**

CME/MOC: **1.5 credits** (No cost for CME!)

AGENDA: [Click here](#) to access the latest agenda.

Click here to access the [promotional flyer](#) and share widely with your networks.

ACPM had strong presence in Practical Playbook National Meeting

ACPM had a strong presence at the first [Practical Playbook National Meeting](#) held last month. Executive Director **Michael Barry** and other staff attended this meeting which brought together leaders and practitioners in public health and primary care. **ACPM**

Fellow Steven Woolf was one of the plenary speakers who spoke about best practices on collecting, using and sharing data. Learn more about [Practical Playbook](#), an initiative of the deBeaumont Foundation, Duke University and CDC.



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HEALTH SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

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American College of Preventive Medicine

ACPM defines Health Systems Transformation (HST) as a systems-based approach to improving population, community and individual health by incorporating the determinants of health and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare.

The Health Systems Transformation Project is from a cooperative agreement that ACPM has with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit www.acpm.org/hst to learn about our past and current efforts in HST.

UPDATED WEBSITE : Take a look at our HST [fact sheets](#) , [resources](#) and [Regional meetings](#) ; **our NEW PAGE on HST Learning Institute.** Learn more about HST Task Force members from their [bios](#); access past [newsletters](#).

GOOGLE GROUP: Ask your friends and colleagues to join the [HST Google Group](#).

COMING SOON: Access the institute's recordings and obtain CME/MOC for the institute. Additional information will be provided later in June

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Submit Comments on CMS' Proposed Rule to Modernize Medicare Payment for Physicians

On April 27, 2016, CMS [released a proposed rule](#) to implement key provisions of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). MACRA was a bi-partisan bill passed by Congress in April 2015 that reformed how Medicare physicians would get paid and hold them accountable for the care they deliver. The proposed rule replaces a patchwork of programs that determined how doctors were paid with a single framework called the "[Quality Payment Program](#)" which includes two paths :



- The Merit - Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) or
- Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

Click here for a [video from HHS](#) that explains how the Quality Payment Program works. You can [access the complete PDF document of the proposed rule and submit comments](#) on the rule till **Sunday June 26, 2016**.

CMS Finalizes Quality Measure Development Plan



CMS recently finalized the [Quality Measure Development Plan](#), a strategic framework for clinician quality measurement development to support the new MIPS and the APMs within MACRA.

The plan highlights the known measurement and performance gaps and identifies approaches to close those gaps through development, refinement and adoption of quality measures in each of the six quality domains: Clinical care , Safety , Care coordination , Patient and caregiver experience , Population health and prevention, and Affordable care. CMS will solicit input from stakeholders through the ongoing [Call for Measures](#) and develop measures with funds provided in MACRA and publish final measures on November 1 each year.

HIT: Nearly All Hospitals Use Certified EHRs

The adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs) are key objectives of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009 and the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan. According to an Office of National Coordinator (ONC) [data brief](#) released in May 2016, nearly all (96%) of non-federal acute hospitals possessed certified EHR technology. In addition, 84% of hospitals adopted a basic EHR system. This represents a 9 fold increase since 2008, when only 9.4% of hospitals had a basic EHR system.



Related tool: [ONC Patient Engagement Playbook](#) is a tool for health care providers, practice staff, hospital administrators and others who want to leverage health IT—starting with EHR patient portals — to engage patients in their health and care.

Funding Opportunity: ONC has recently announced a new funding opportunity called [High Impact Pilots](#). Through this funding, awardees will be able to test solutions, evaluate scalability, and identify the potential impacts of their selected standards and technology solutions.



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RESOURCES



To support physicians navigating new value-based care models, the American Medical Association (AMA) has developed new online resources for physicians who are considering new payment models that emphasize prevention, wellness and coordinated care.

The [AMA STEPS Forward™](#) is a set of 35 interactive, educational, physician-developed modules that are available for free. Some of the modules include:

- [Preparing your practice for value-based care](#)
- [Quality Improvement](#)
- [Implementing team-based care](#)
- [EHR Selection and Purchase](#)
- [EHR Implementation](#)

CME is available for all 35 modules.



The 2015 AHRQ [National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report](#) is a joint effort addressing the progress made against the [National Quality Strategy](#) (NQS) at the 5-year anniversary of the strategy. This report describes the nation's progress in improving healthcare access, quality and disparities. Key findings include:

- **Access** to healthcare has improved dramatically along with sustained reduction in Americans without health insurance.
- Variation exists in **quality** of healthcare across NQS priorities
- **Disparities** in race and socioeconomic status persist among all NQS priorities