

HOW TO GET YOUR PRACTICE READY

for Primary Care First

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

Electronic Health Records are a Primary Care First requirement. They will be used to reduce charting time and help you keep track of patient care needs.

INTEROPERABILITY

Practices will be required to support data exchange with other providers and health systems. Make sure your system is ready to link up and improve communication capabilities.

PATIENT PORTAL

You'll need to have a way of communicating with patients on a more regular and effective basis. Use the patient portal to follow-up on blood pressure management or diabetes readings, and schedule regular screenings.

SCHEDULING

Improve scheduling efficiency to make maximum use of office hours while allowing for improved provider-patient communication time.

SERIOUSLY ILL POPULATION MANAGEMENT

If your practice will be participating in the SIP model, you will also need to have technology capabilities that allow practitioners to easily address the special needs of this unique population.

CARE GAPS

Drill down on individual patient data to look for care gaps that need to be addressed, prior to the patient coming in for an appointment.

POPULATION HEALTH

An EHR analyzes data on a single patient but Population Health can provide analytics on the practice as a whole. Use a data tool that helps you to aggregate, analyze, and achieve results such as better patient care, reduced patient costs, and increased practice productivity.

CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES

Use an EHR that helps to aggregate and submit CQM data in order to earn available incentives based on healthcare results.

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