



Inland Empire Health Information Exchange Launches Pilot

The pilot for the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) launched on Jan. 13. Orion Health, which IEHIE selected as the vendor, was sent the completed contract and has started the build out. The build out is anticipated to take two to three weeks for completion. Once complete, Orion will work with the pilot facilities to link them to the HIE. The pilot project consists of six hospitals, seven medical groups and one health plan.

Participating pilot hospitals

include:

- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- Loma Linda University Medical Center
- Parkview Community Hospital
- Redlands Community Hospital
- Riverside Community Hospital
- Riverside County Regional Medical Center

The pilot project will last for 120 days, at which point the IEHIE will be open for additional members to participate.

Additionally, Richard Swafford, PhD, has been hired as executive director of IEHIE, which is a collaborative of hospitals, medical centers, medical groups, clinics, IPAs, physician practices, health plans, public health and other health care providers in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. IEHIE operates as a 501(c)(3) under the Inland Empire EHR Resource Center.

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Seminar on Eliminating Health Care Industry Silos Takes Place Feb. 1

Registration for *Blurring the Lines: Eliminating Health Care Industry Silos*, set for Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, is \$125 by Jan. 25.

To register, please visit <https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=BLUR10E&TID=6wAC7IyeA04VA91Or2e%2b8A%3d%3d>.

Participants will hear about best practice programs and ideas that have successfully improved quality and decreased cost, as well as learn about payment models that reward these efforts and outcomes, such as bundled payments and shared savings models.

In addition to panel discussions, the event will feature a session

called *View of the Future* by HASC President/CEO Jim Barber and *California Health Care: Sea Changes Under Way* by Don Crane, president/CEO of the California Association of Physician Groups.

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Register for Feb. 6 PDS User Group

The next PDS User Group meeting will take place Monday, Feb. 6 at 12:00 p.m., immediately following the HASC Contracting Committee meeting at the HASC Los Angeles Office.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Improved Data Load Tool
- Easier Compare Group Selection
- New Enhancements, including:
 - Line item detail on the payer-

to-payer reports

- Payer-to-payer comparisons for HealthCare Partners and Heritage
- Add LOS and CMI data to reports: Define which reports and which columns need this data to help prevent data overload on any report, then prioritize the changes
 - Enhanced Outpatient Grouping to separate ancillary from procedures

- Trended Dashboard Data
- Commercial Contracts as a Percentage of Medicare

Networking will take place after the New Enhancements discussion. Lunch will be served.

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Lean Practitioners Course Begins Feb. 13

HASC, in collaboration with the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health and the Institute for Performance Excellence, presents the Lean Practitioners course. Beginning on Feb. 13, this four-session workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to Lean tools proven

to eliminate waste, reduce costs, improve quality and deliver greater value to organizations. Each session incorporates real-world simulations and exercises.

Registration is available at [https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=HASC10E&TID=6cWUpSe9mk2a%2fSz16O6zyQ%3d%](https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=HASC10E&TID=6cWUpSe9mk2a%2fSz16O6zyQ%3d%3d)

3d. Program cost is \$1,250 for HASC members and \$1,500 for non-members.

Qualified participants may enroll for the Lean Practitioners Certification Exam at UCLA Extension after completing the course.

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Program on Ensuring Access to Government Resources Set for Feb. 23

HASC - Los Angeles County Education Workshop presents *Ensuring Access to Government Resources and Increasing ROI*, a full-day program scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012.

The event will feature speakers from various government agencies, programs and organizations including Healthy Way LA (LIHP—Low

Income Health Program), CalFresh, PCIP (Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program), ACS-Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., a Xerox Company (Medi-Cal Fiscal Intermediary), R&B Solutions (RAMP – Rapid Application Medical Programs) and Diversified Healthcare Resources (Medi-Cal 101 and

Linkage).

The program will take place at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Registration is \$99 per person; parking will be validated. RSVP is required.

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Save the Date: 2nd Annual HASC Health Care Provider Wellness Conference

Please join us June 14-15, 2012 for HASC's 2nd Annual Health Care Provider Wellness Conference, a gathering of wellness professionals, leaders and senior management from all health care settings that will examine how hospitals and health care organizations can promote a culture of health and

wellness. Join dynamic wellness professionals and leaders in sharing innovative ideas that promote a culture of health in the workplace and beyond. The conference features experienced practitioners and renowned experts in the field presenting current and relevant ideas, strategies and insight to help accel-

erate a cultural shift toward a healthier workforce and community.

The event will take place at the Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City.

Registration information will be available soon.

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Patient Safety Colloquium A Success

More than 240 quality, case management and infection prevention professionals, as well nursing and senior leaders, participated in HASC/Anthem Blue Cross' fourth annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium last week.

The conference featured two keynote speakers and 18 breakout sessions in the following six tracks: Hospital-Acquired Infection/Hospital-Acquired Conditions, Executive Strategies, Surgical Safety, Perinatal Safety, Culture Change, and Continuum of Care. Keynote speak-

ers Dr. James Reinertsen, a nationally known thought leader and consultant to health care executives, presented insights on leadership to Transform Research Into Practice, and Dr. Chris Goeschel offered actionable strategies for Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Programs learned from her work at Johns Hopkins, and the Quality and Safety Research Group.

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Speakers from Telehealth for Complex Pregnancy Care, a Track 4 breakout session, left to right, were Gretchen Page, MPH, CNM, ICRPP; Rosa Ortega, MCH, Director, St. Mary Medical Center; Glen Thomazin, MD, IEHP; and Denise Cummins, LLUMC Perinatal Institute.