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IHS Hospitals Achieve Promoting Interoperability Attestation

The Partnership to Advance Tribal Health (PATH) worked with Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Office and hospital staff to help a number of hospitals implement and meaningfully use their certified electronic health record (EHR) system to improve health information exchange and patient data access—and to achieve a quality reporting milestone: Promoting Interoperability (PI) attestation.

For two IHS facilities in particular, this was the first time they ever successfully achieved PI attestation. To climb that monumental summit, PATH team members held monthly PI/health information technology (HIT) meetings with the Area Office and the two facilities to answer questions and register to report for PI. A key resource in this process was the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) QualityNet user guide.

Other steps to success included:

- Discussion and resources to help with PI
- Direct message addresses obtained and shared with each facility
- PATH partner meetings dedicated to discussing PI and the PI attestation process

Through hard work and focused effort, and with the help of the PATH team, these two facilities met the measure objectives and successfully attested to the CMS hospital PI program for 2021 for the first time by the March 31 deadline.

Congratulations to these two facilities and to all the IHS hospitals that achieved PI attestation!