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Enhancing Clinical Practices through the Adoption of Health Information Technology in Nebraska

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Purpose:

The overall goal of this project will be to facilitate the adoption of electronic health records by Nebraska Physicians to improve patient safety as well as to enhance quality and efficiency within the healthcare system.

Through this project, the Nebraska Medical Association will develop a baseline to determine the readiness of clinical practices to adopt the utilization of electronic health records and will provide education, training and tools to enhance physician/physician office knowledge and capabilities in doing so.

In order to achieve the overall project goal, the following project objectives have been identified.

1. Establish a baseline to determine the status of health information technology penetration in clinical practices in Nebraska through needs assessment surveys of clinical practices including:
 - a. Technical needs assessment: to determine the current utilization of health information technology.
 - b. Operational needs assessment: to assist in the development of program implementation plans for electronic health record deployment.
 - c. Educational needs assessment: to assist with the development of electronic health record education and training programs.
2. Provide education and information about health information technology opportunities to enhance systems of medical care in Nebraska.
 - a. Institute education materials and assessment tools for Nebraska Physicians in order to self-evaluate their practices for health information technology.
 - b. Conduct a series of town hall meetings/hands-on work sessions to improve the standard of knowledge pertaining to the adoption of health information technologies, including but not limited to the electronic medication record and ePrescribing.
 - c. Develop a Change Management Tool integrating the following areas: Practice management software; Migration path; Work redesign.
 - d. Create a virtual center clearinghouse for health information technologies via a web page.
 - i. Provide examples of successful health information technology integration in Nebraska with project contact information;
 - ii. Provide on-line access to the Change Management Tool;
 - iii. Provide an on-line forum for collaboration, education and communication;
 - iv. List consulting resources and provide links to AHRQ and other sites;
 - v. Common statements about standards (templates, policies).

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