

Health IT State Summary

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The health information technology (health IT) adoption and utilization data presented below are based upon measures developed and/or reported publicly by the HHS ONC within the [Health IT Dashboard](http://dashboard.healthit.gov), at <http://dashboard.healthit.gov>.



The [Health IT Dashboard](http://dashboard.healthit.gov) presents key information about ONC programs and research data to enable collaborative monitoring of the impact of federal policies, programs, and research activities related to health IT.

Health IT, including the adoption of electronic health records, health information exchange, and other personalized medical devices has the power to transform health care delivery and contribute to improvements in quality and costs. This report montiors health IT measures in the following areas:

- * Estimates of the Number of Health Care Providers
- * Office-Based Health Care Provider Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- * Acute-Care Hospital Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- * Electronic Prescribing Capability Among Health Care Providers and Pharmacies
- * Summary of ONC HITECH Programs and Recovery Act Funding
- * Community College Consortia to Educate Health IT Professionals Program
- * Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program
- * Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

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Provider Population Estimates

Office-based Providers

Total Number of Health Care Providers	1,997	725,406	2013	SK&A
Number of Primary Care Providers	1,036	306,388	2013	SK&A

Non-federal Acute Care Hospitals

Short Term General	9	3,392	2014	CMS
Urban	5	2,540	2014	CMS
Rural	4	852	2014	CMS
Critical Access	13	1,331	2014	CMS

Office-Based Provider Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Adoption of Basic EHRs among Office-based Providers

[NCHS Data Brief #143](#)

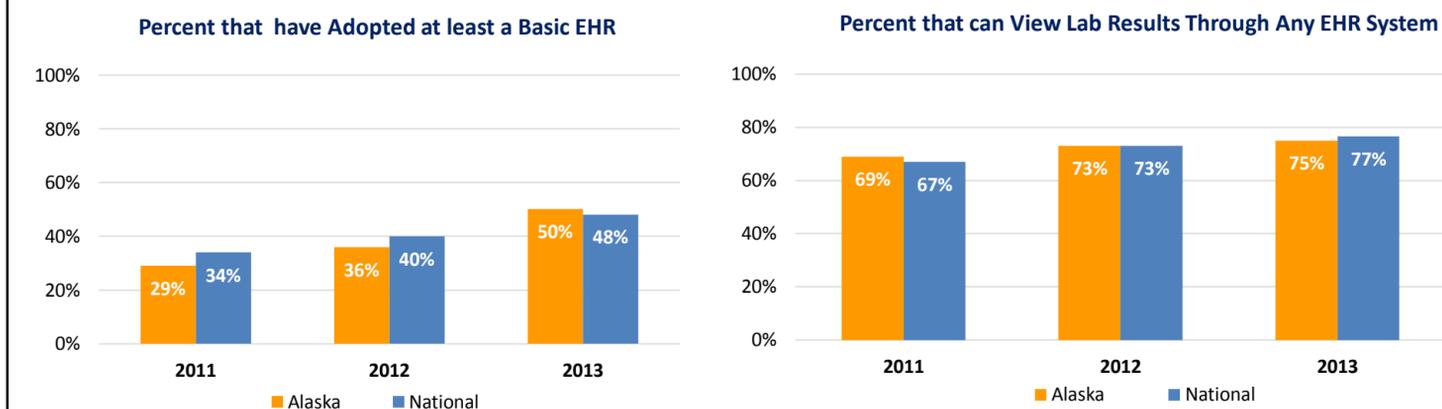
Overall Physician Practices	50%	48%	2013	NAMCS
Primary Care Providers	52%	53%	2013	NAMCS
Rural Providers	37%	46%	2013	NAMCS
Small Practices	39%	41%	2013	NAMCS

Health Information Exchange: Office-based Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to send orders for lab tests electronically	67%	53%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with computerized capability to view lab results	75%	77%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with EHR/EMR that can automatically graph a specific patient's lab results over time	46%	47%	2013	NAMCS

Patient Engagement: Office-based Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to exchange secure messages with patients	44%	49%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to provide patients with clinical summaries for each visit	73%	68%	2013	NAMCS



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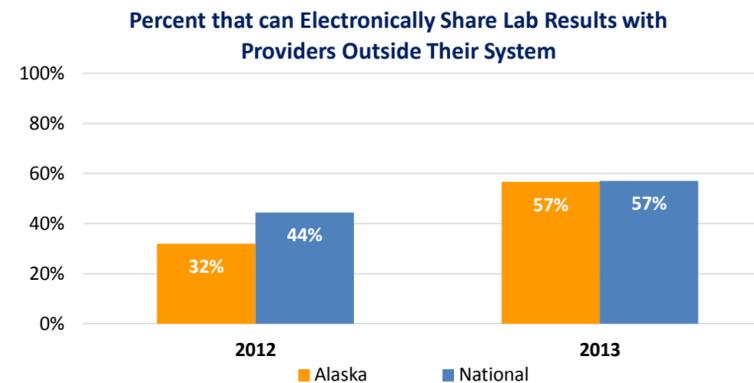
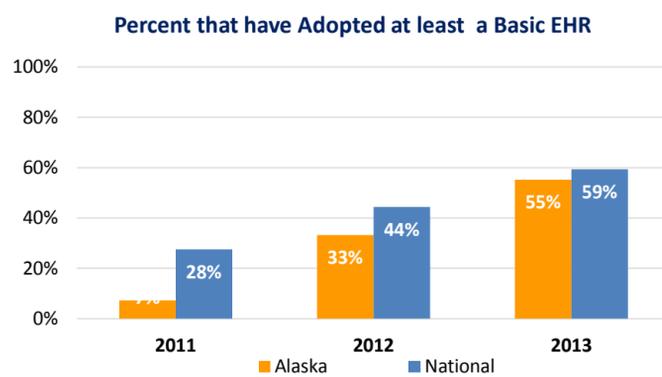
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Non-Federal Acute Care Hospital Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Adoption of Basic EHRs (at least Basic EHR with Notes)				ONC Data Brief #16
Overall Hospital	55%	59%	2013	AHA
Rural Hospitals	75%	53%	2013	AHA
Small Hospitals	75%	53%	2013	AHA
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Electronically Share Laboratory Results				ONC Data Brief #17
with any Providers Outside their Health System	57%	57%	2013	AHA
with Hospitals Outside their Health System	27%	34%	2013	AHA
with Ambulatory Providers Outside their Health System	57%	52%	2013	AHA
Health Information Exchange: Providing Patients with an E-Copy of their Health Information				
Copy of their EHR within 3 Business Days of the Request	83%	87%	2013	AHA
Copy of their Discharge Instructions Upon Request	72%	79%	2013	AHA
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Exchange Clinical Care Summaries with Outside Providers				
with any Providers Outside Their Health System	57%	42%	2013	AHA
with Hospitals Outside Their Health System	27%	29%	2013	AHA
with Ambulatory Providers Outside Their Health System	57%	37%	2013	AHA



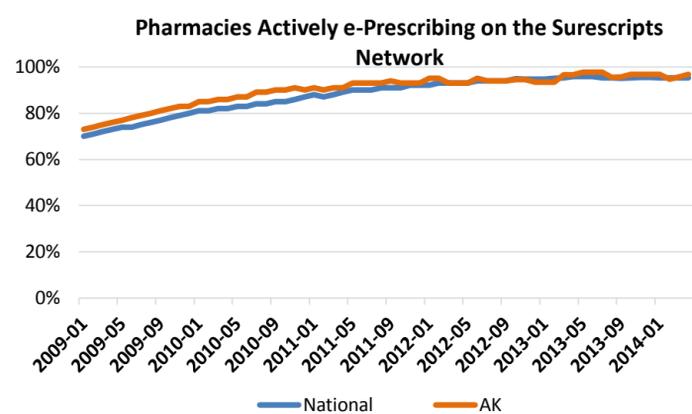
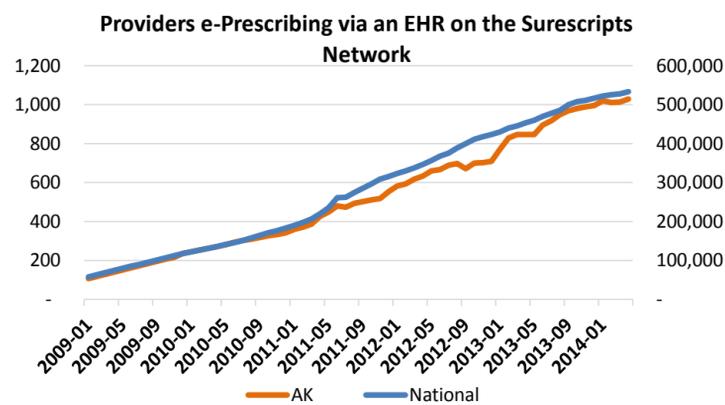
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Community Pharmacies and Provider e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network				
e-Prescribing Capability and Activity Among Community Pharmacies on the Surescripts Network ONC Data Brief #18				
Percent of retail community pharmacies enabled	97%	96%	2014-04	Surescripts
Percent of retail community pharmacies actively e-Prescribing	97%	95%	2014-04	Surescripts
Providers e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network by Specialty				
Total	1,399	695,640	2014-04	Surescripts
Primary Care Providers	620	218,703	2014-04	Surescripts
Non-Primary Care Providers	450	361,981	2014-04	Surescripts
Nurse Practitioners	204	73,231	2014-04	Surescripts
Physicians Assistants	125	41,725	2014-04	Surescripts
e-Prescribing Methods of Providers on the Surescripts Network				
Prescribing through a Stand Alone System	43	40,528	2014-04	Surescripts
Prescribing through an EHR	1,028	533,639	2014-04	Surescripts
Prescribing Methods of Prescribers on the Surescripts Network				
Percent of New and Renewal Prescriptions Processed on the Surescripts Network	48%	57%	2013	Surescripts
Medication Histories Requests and Responses on the Surescripts Network				
Medication History Requests on Surescripts Network	88,024	52,048,036	2014-04	Surescripts
Medication History Request Responses on Surescripts Network	74,352	44,922,064	2014-04	Surescripts



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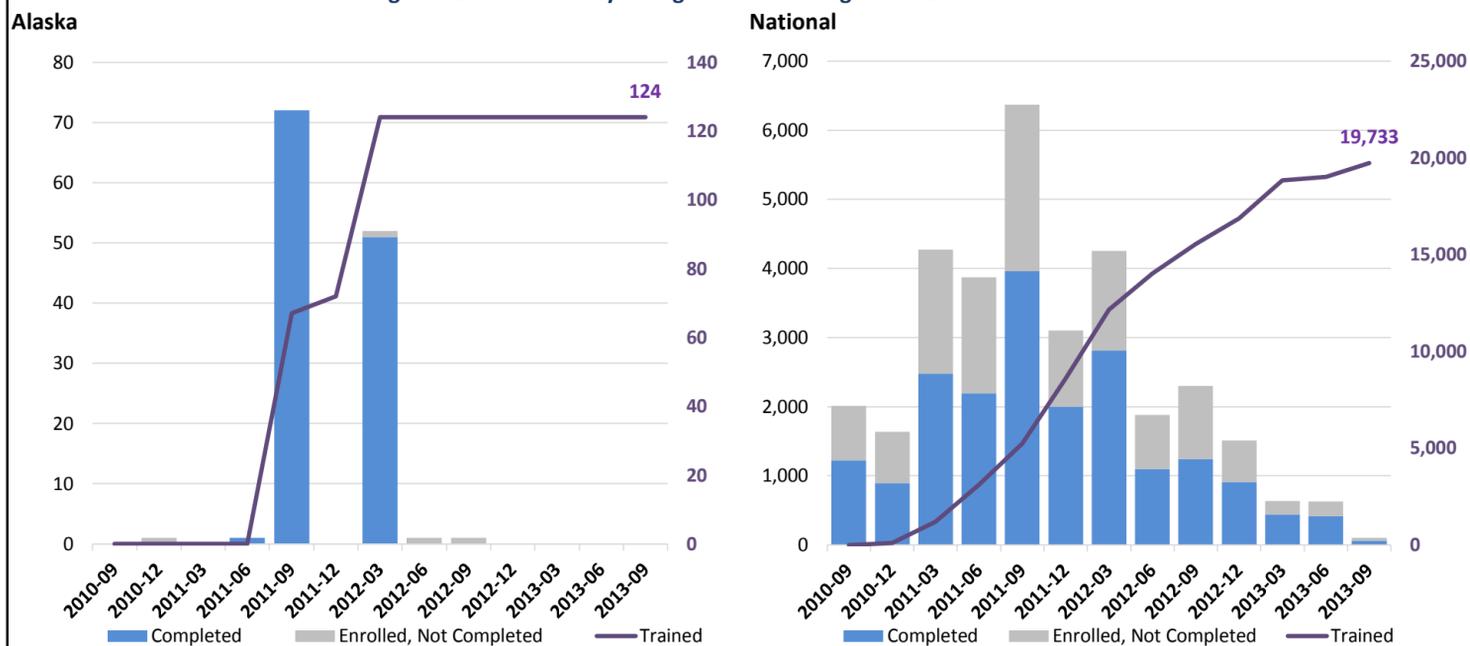
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HITECH Programs - ONC Overview				
Number of ONC/HITECH grantees	2	159	2010-06	ONC/HITECH Overall
Planned Obligations to HITECH grantees (dollars in thousands)	\$14,655	\$1,711,129	2010-06	Global Evaluation
HITECH Programs - Workforce Programs				
Community College Consortia (CCC) Program				
Number of Grantees				Workforce
Number of students who completed CCC training	124	19,733	2013-10	Workforce
Percent of all CCC trained students who are from non-metro areas	34%	12%	2013-10	Workforce
University-Based Training (UBT) Program				
Number of Grantees	0	9	2013-12	Workforce
Number of students who completed UBT training	3	1,703	2013-12	Workforce
Percent of all UBT trained students who are from non-metro areas	0%	5%	2013-12	Workforce
HIT Pro Competency Exams				
Number of exams administered	4	9,524	2013-03	Workforce
Number of exam takers	4	7,646	2013-03	Workforce
HIT Pro Competency Exam Series: Number of Exams Administered				
Clinician/Practitioner Consultant Exam	0	1,431	2013-03	Workforce
Implementation Manager Exam	0	1,685	2013-03	Workforce
Implementation Support Specialist Exam	1	1,749	2013-03	Workforce
Practice Workflow & Information Mgmt Redesign Specialist Exam	2	2,124	2013-03	Workforce
Technical/Software Support Specialist Exam	0	1,245	2013-03	Workforce
Trainer Exam	1	1,290	2013-03	Workforce

Health IT Professionals Trained through HITECH Community College Consortia Program to Educate Health IT Professionals



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HITECH Programs - Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program (REC)

All Providers

Providers Signed Up with REC	1,182	155,334	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,048	142,321	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	662	108,265	2014-12	REC

Priority Primary Care Providers

[ONC Data Brief #11](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	1,065	141,078	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	976	131,861	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	648	102,893	2014-12	REC

Primary Care Providers Enrolled for Assistance in the Regional Extension Centers (REC) Program

1,065 of all STATE Primary Care Providers ENROLLED



141,078 of all NATIONAL Primary Care Providers ENROLLED



89 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR



328 LIVE on an EHR

648 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR

9,217 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR



28,968 LIVE on an EHR

Priority Providers by Practice Area Type

Urban Areas

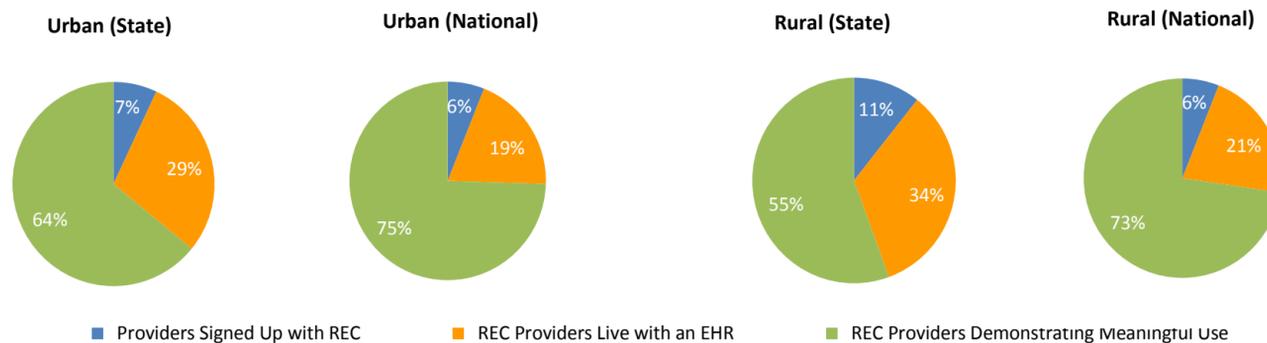
Providers Signed Up with REC	660	108,470	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	614	101,916	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	423	80,802	2014-12	REC

Rural Areas

[ONC Data Brief #5](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	403	22,625	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	360	21,266	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	224	16,448	2014-12	REC

Practice Area Type and EHR Implementation Milestone for Providers Signed up with RECs



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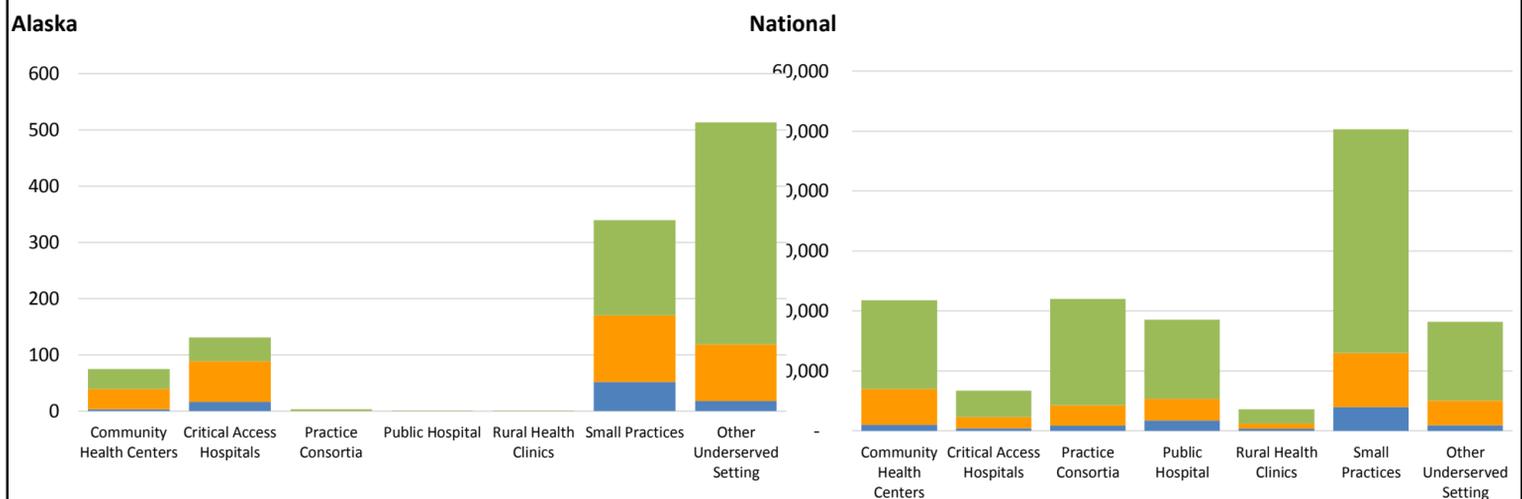
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HITECH Programs - Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program (REC) ... continued				
Priority Providers by Practice Affiliation & REC Milestone				
Community Health Centers				
Providers Signed Up with REC	75	21,790	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	72	20,817	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	36	14,785	2014-12	REC
Critical Access Hospitals				
Providers Signed Up with REC	131	6,690	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	115	6,294	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	42	4,381	2014-12	REC
Practice Consortia				
Providers Signed Up with REC	3	22,021	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	3	21,140	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	3	17,756	2014-12	REC
Public Hospitals				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1	18,525	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1	16,824	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1	13,223	2014-12	REC
Rural Health Clinics				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1	3,572	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1	3,197	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1	2,319	2014-12	REC
Small Practices				
Providers Signed Up with REC	340	50,325	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	288	46,355	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	170	37,326	2014-12	REC
Other Underserved Settings				
Providers Signed Up with REC	514	18,155	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	496	17,234	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	395	13,103	2014-12	REC

REC-Assisted Primary Care Providers by EHR Adoption Milestone and Practice Setting



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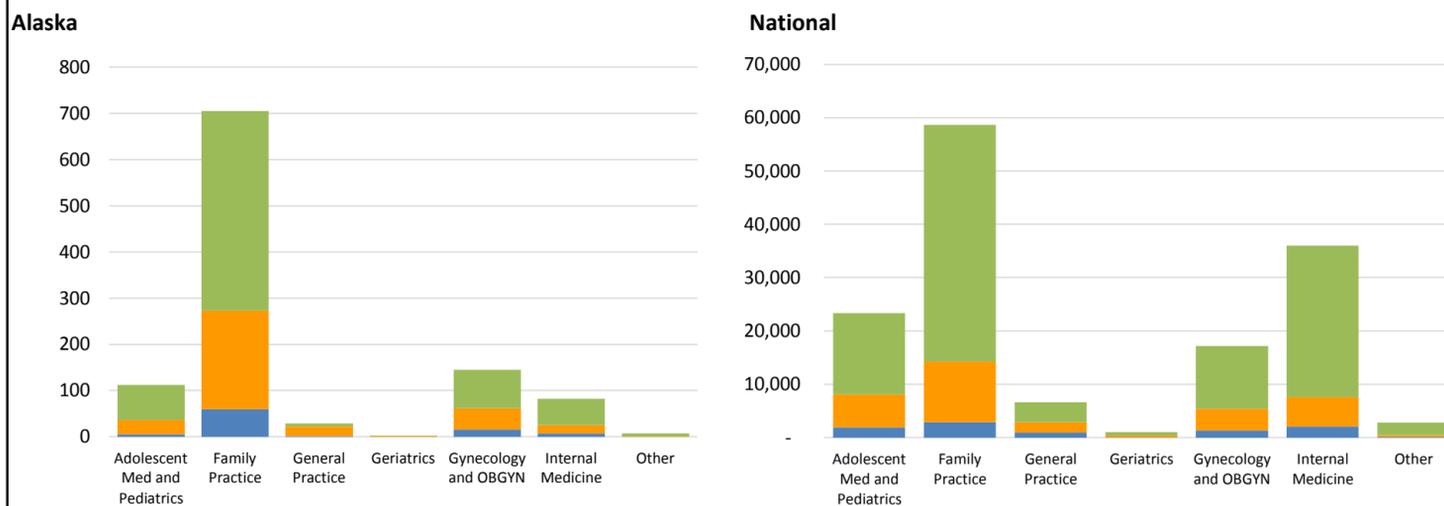
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Priority Providers by Provider Specialty & REC Milestone				
Adolescent Med and/or Pediatrics				
Providers Signed Up with REC	112	23,323	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	107	21,379	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	76	15,274	2014-12	REC
Family Practice				
Providers Signed Up with REC	705	58,654	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	645	55,722	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	432	44,425	2014-12	REC
General Practice				
Providers Signed Up with REC	29	6,617	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	27	5,692	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	7	3,719	2014-12	REC
Geriatrics				
Providers Signed Up with REC	3	1,020	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	3	952	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1	662	2014-12	REC
Gynecology and OBGYN				
Providers Signed Up with REC	145	17,142	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	129	15,782	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	83	11,769	2014-12	REC
Internal Medicine				
Providers Signed Up with REC	82	35,989	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	75	33,909	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	57	28,355	2014-12	REC
Other Specialties				
Providers Signed Up with REC	7	2,838	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	7	2,707	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	6	2,374	2014-12	REC

Practice Specialty and EHR Implementation Milestone for Primary Care Providers Signed up with RECs



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HITECH Programs - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Programs

Number of Unique Providers Paid

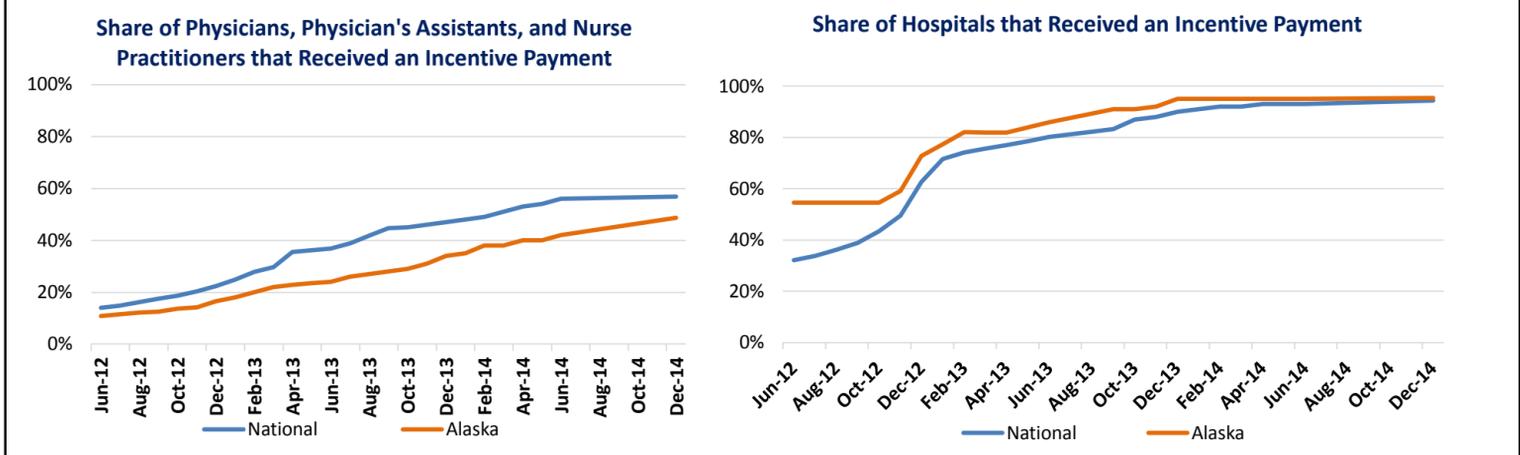
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All Eligible Providers¹	996	417,657	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Hospitals	22	4,695	2014-12	CMS
Medicare	0	253	2014-12	CMS
Medicaid	3	137	2014-12	CMS
Medicare/Medicaid	19	4,305	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Professionals¹	974	412,962	2014-12	CMS
Medicare	281	278,338	2014-12	CMS
Medicaid	693	134,624	2014-12	CMS

Payment Amounts

Measure Title	Alaska	National	Last Updated	Related Materials
All Eligible Providers¹ (in \$ millions)	\$ 61	\$ 27,727	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Hospitals (in \$ millions)	\$ 37	\$ 17,412	2014-12	CMS
<i>Payments (per unique paid hospital)</i>	\$ 1,681,244	\$ 3,708,701	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Professionals¹ (in \$ millions)	\$ 24	\$ 10,315	2014-12	CMS
<i>Payments (per unique professional paid)</i>	\$ 24,673	\$ 24,977	2014-12	CMS

Provider-Group Participation Rate Estimates for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Programs

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Share of all U.S. physicians, NPs, and PAs who have received a payment ²	49%	57%	2014-12	ONC
Share of hospitals that received a payment ³	95%	94%	2014-12	ONC



Notes:

Additional information about these measures, including descriptions of the data source and calculation assumptions, where applicable, can be downloaded from the Health IT Dashboard, Datasets & Documentation website at <http://www.dashboard.healthit.gov/data>

¹EHR Incentive Program snapshot data does not include Medicare Advantage Organizations for Eligible Professionals.

²Denominator equals the total number of health care professionals (both eligible and ineligible for the EHR Incentive Programs), as listed on Page 1 'Provider Population Estimates'.

³Demonator includes only active U.S. short term general, critical access, and children's hospitals.

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