

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	21,217	725,406	2013	SK&A
Number of Primary Care Providers	8,769	306,388	2013	SK&A

Non-federal Acute Care Hospitals

Short Term General	59	3,392	2014	CMS
Urban	57	2,540	2014	CMS
Rural	2	852	2014	CMS
Critical Access	3	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](#)

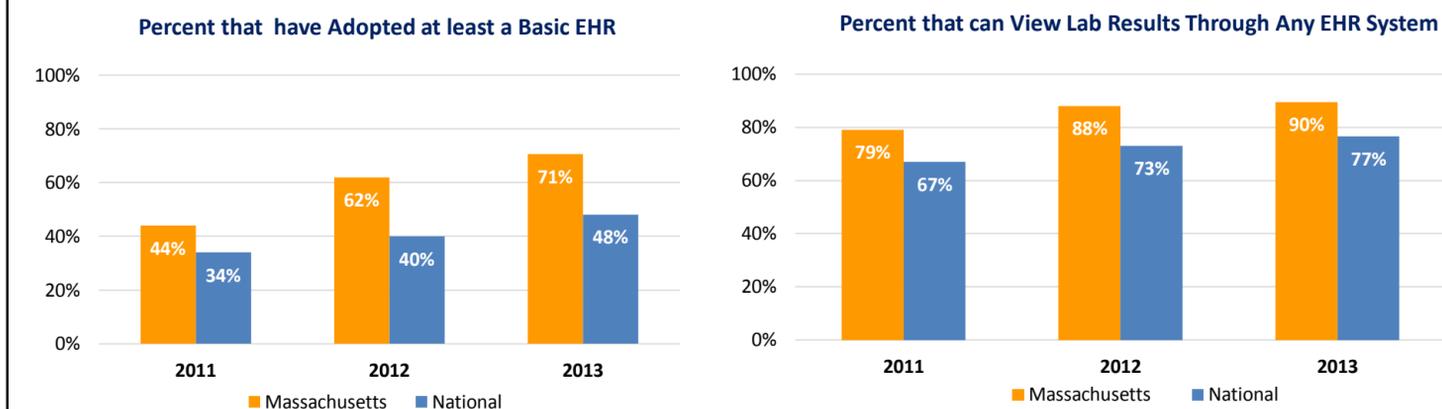
Overall Physician Practices	71%	48%	2013	NAMCS
Primary Care Providers	80%	53%	2013	NAMCS
Rural Providers	0%	46%	2013	NAMCS
Small Practices	59%	41%	2013	NAMCS

Health Information Exchange: Office-base Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to send orders for lab tests electronically	57%	53%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with computerized capability to view lab results	90%	77%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with EHR/EMR that can automatically graph a specific patient's lab results over time	51%	47%	2013	NAMCS

Patient Engagement: Office-based Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to exchange secure messages with patients	58%	49%	2013	NAMCS
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to provide patients with clinical summaries for each visit	78%	68%	2013	NAMCS



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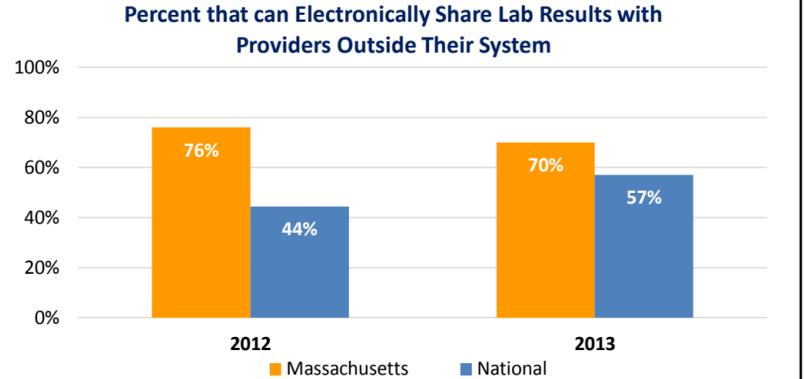
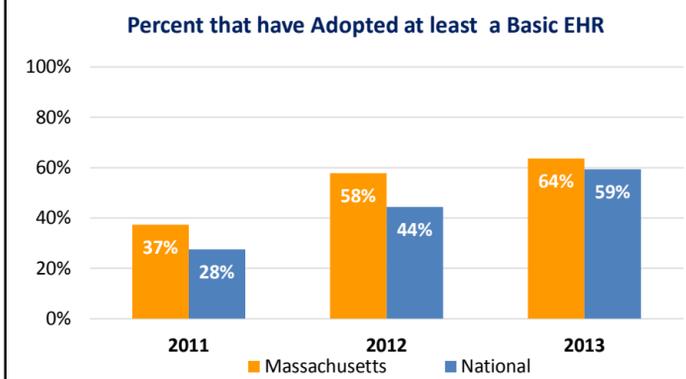
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Non-Federal Acute Care Hospital Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Adoption of Basic EHRs (at least Basic EHR with Notes)				ONC Data Brief #16
Overall Hospital	64%	59%	2013	AHA
Rural Hospitals		53%	2013	AHA
Small Hospitals	53%	53%	2013	AHA
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Electronically Share Laboratory Results				ONC Data Brief #17
with any Providers Outside their Health System	70%	57%	2013	AHA
with Hospitals Outside their Health System	40%	34%	2013	AHA
with Ambulatory Providers Outside their Health System	67%	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	64%	87%	2013	AHA
Copy of their Discharge Instructions Upon Request	63%	79%	2013	AHA
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Exchange Clinical Care Summaries with Outside Providers				
with any Providers Outside Their Health System	29%	42%	2013	AHA
with Hospitals Outside Their Health System	20%	29%	2013	AHA
with Ambulatory Providers Outside Their Health System	24%	37%	2013	AHA



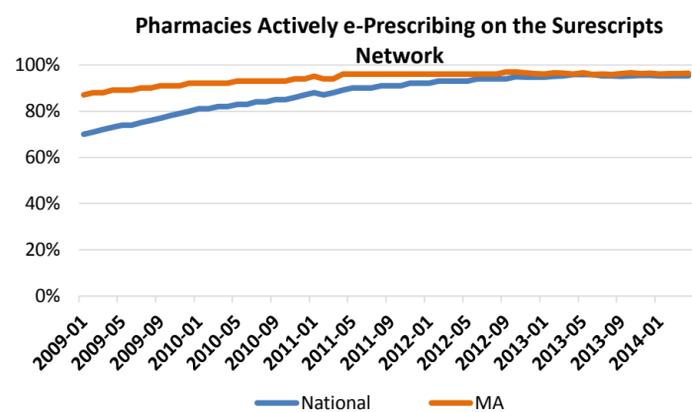
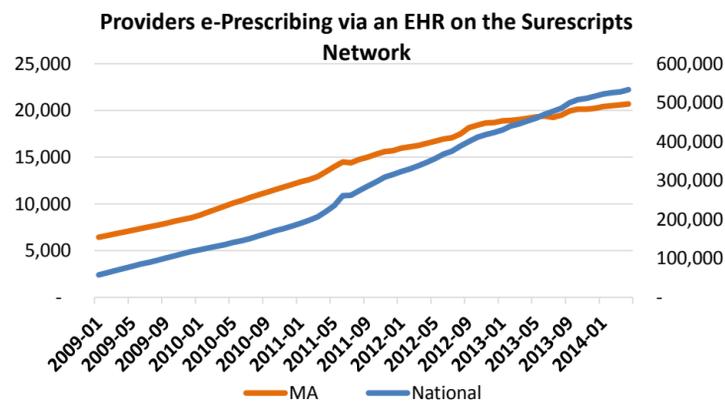
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Community Pharmacies and Provider e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network				
e-Prescribing Capability and Activity Among Community Pharmacies on the Surescripts Network ONC Data Brief #18				
Percent of retail community pharmacies enabled	97%	96%	2014-04	Surescripts
Percent of retail community pharmacies actively e-Prescribing	96%	95%	2014-04	Surescripts
Providers e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network by Specialty				
Total	26,469	695,640	2014-04	Surescripts
Primary Care Providers	6,535	218,703	2014-04	Surescripts
Non-Primary Care Providers	15,333	361,981	2014-04	Surescripts
Nurse Practitioners	3,501	73,231	2014-04	Surescripts
Physicians Assistants	1,100	41,725	2014-04	Surescripts
e-Prescribing Methods of Providers on the Surescripts Network				
Prescribing through a Stand Alone System	1,088	40,528	2014-04	Surescripts
Prescribing through an EHR	20,681	533,639	2014-04	Surescripts
Prescribing Methods of Prescribers on the Surescripts Network				
Percent of New and Renewal Prescriptions Processed on the Surescripts Network	77%	57%	2013	Surescripts
Medication Histories Requests and Responses on the Surescripts Network				
Medication History Requests on Surescripts Network	2,420,621	52,048,036	2014-04	Surescripts
Medication History Request Responses on Surescripts Network	2,173,654	44,922,064	2014-04	Surescripts



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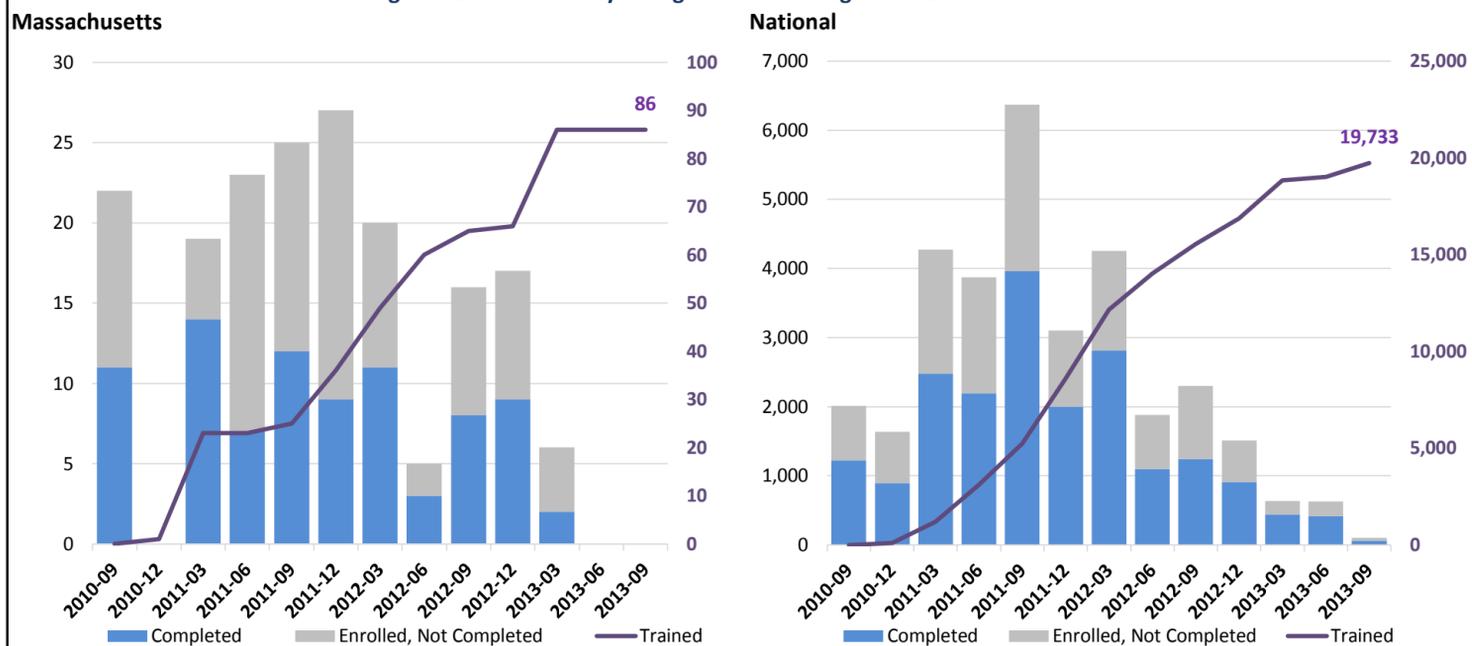
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HITECH Programs - ONC Overview				
Number of ONC/HITECH grantees	4	159	2010-06	ONC/HITECH Overall
Planned Obligations to HITECH grantees (dollars in thousands)	\$33,350	\$1,711,129	2010-06	Global Evaluation
HITECH Programs - Workforce Programs				
Community College Consortia (CCC) Program				
Number of Grantees				Workforce
Number of students who completed CCC training	86	19,733	2013-10	Workforce
Percent of all CCC trained students who are from non-metro areas	0%	12%	2013-10	Workforce
University-Based Training (UBT) Program				
Number of Grantees	0	9	2013-12	Workforce
Number of students who completed UBT training	22	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	80	9,524	2013-03	Workforce
Number of exam takers	64	7,646	2013-03	Workforce
HIT Pro Competency Exam Series: Number of Exams Administered				
Clinician/Practitioner Consultant Exam	13	1,431	2013-03	Workforce
Implementation Manager Exam	13	1,685	2013-03	Workforce
Implementation Support Specialist Exam	9	1,749	2013-03	Workforce
Practice Workflow & Information Mgmt Redesign Specialist Exam	25	2,124	2013-03	Workforce
Technical/Software Support Specialist Exam	12	1,245	2013-03	Workforce
Trainer Exam	8	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	2,431	155,334	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	2,332	142,321	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	2,046	108,265	2014-12	REC

Priority Primary Care Providers

[ONC Data Brief #11](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	2,402	141,078	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	2,326	131,861	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	2,042	102,893	2014-12	REC

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

2,402 of all STATE Primary Care Providers ENROLLED



141,078 of all NATIONAL Primary Care Providers ENROLLED



76 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR

2,042 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR



284 LIVE on an EHR

9,217 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR

102,893 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR



28,968 LIVE on an EHR

Priority Providers by Practice Area Type

Urban Areas

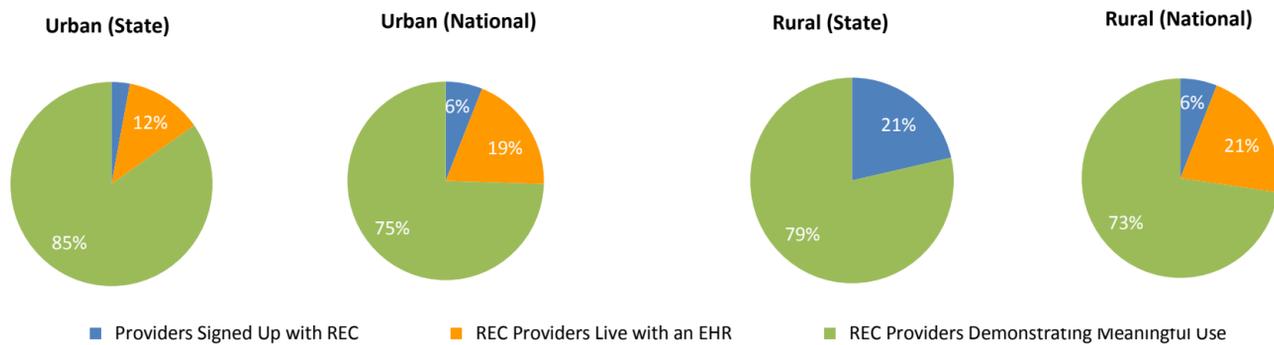
Providers Signed Up with REC	2,085	108,470	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	2,024	101,916	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1,767	80,802	2014-12	REC

Rural Areas

[ONC Data Brief #5](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	14	22,625	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	11	21,266	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	11	16,448	2014-12	REC

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



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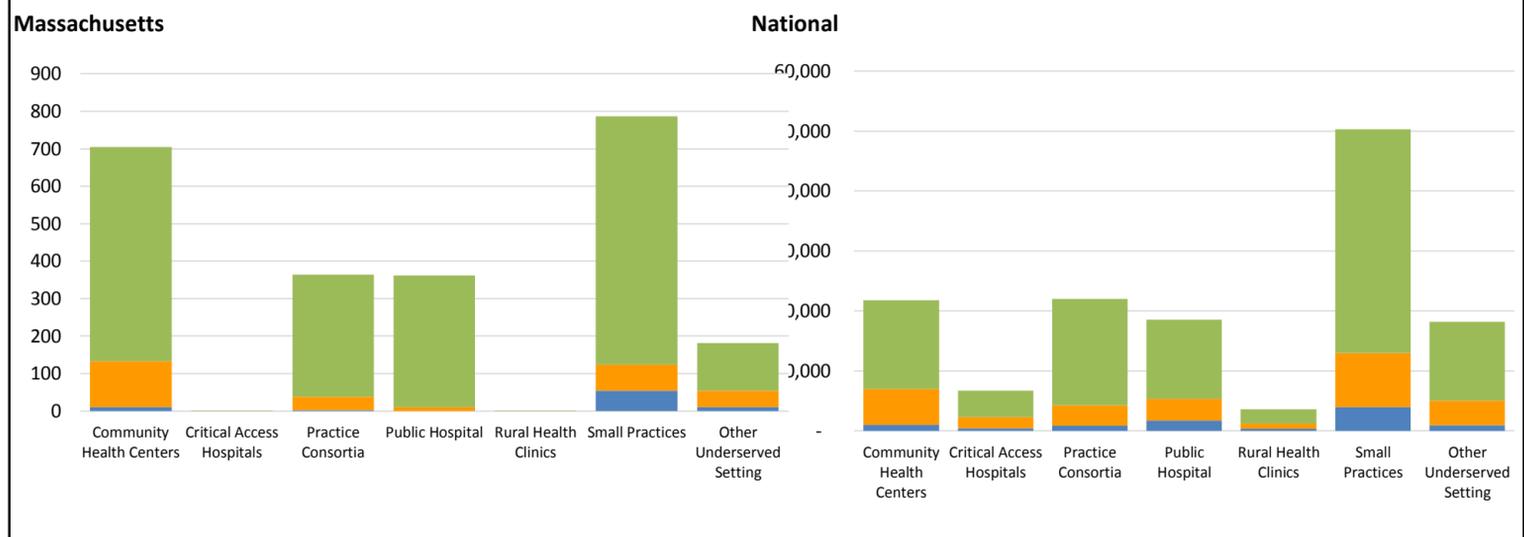
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HITECH Programs - Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program (REC) ... continued				
Priority Providers by Practice Affiliation & REC Milestone				
Community Health Centers				
Providers Signed Up with REC	705	21,790	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	695	20,817	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	572	14,785	2014-12	REC
Critical Access Hospitals				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1	6,690	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1	6,294	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1	4,381	2014-12	REC
Practice Consortia				
Providers Signed Up with REC	364	22,021	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	362	21,140	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	326	17,756	2014-12	REC
Public Hospitals				
Providers Signed Up with REC	362	18,525	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	362	16,824	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	352	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	787	50,325	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	733	46,355	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	663	37,326	2014-12	REC
Other Underserved Settings				
Providers Signed Up with REC	182	18,155	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	172	17,234	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	127	13,103	2014-12	REC

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



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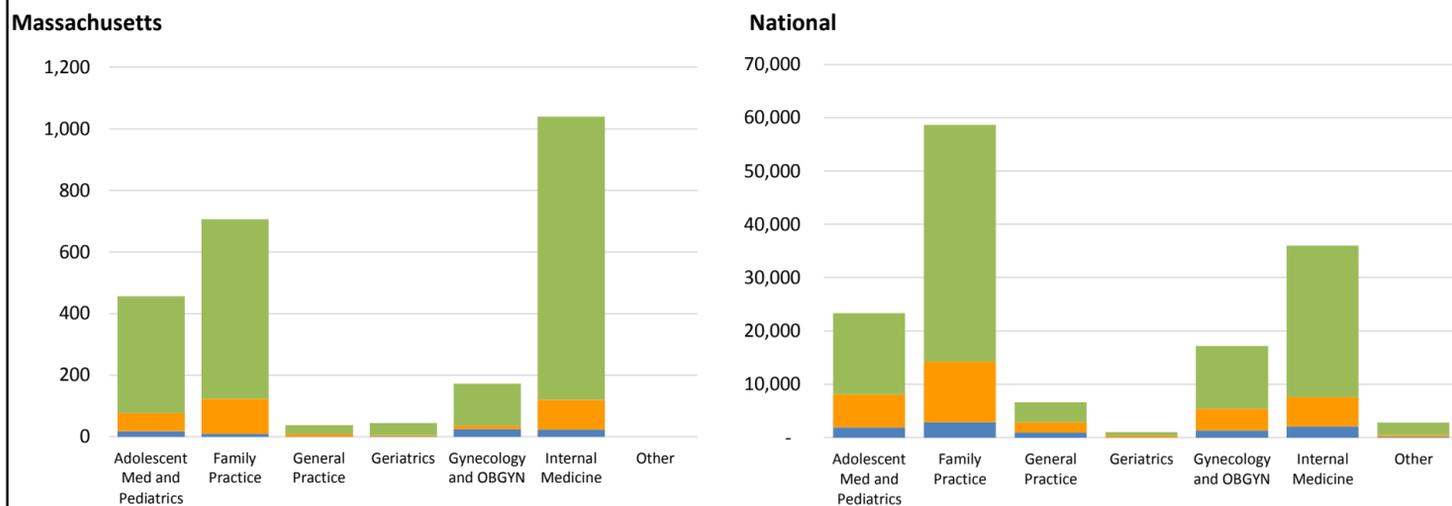
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Priority Providers by Provider Specialty & REC Milestone				
Adolescent Med and/or Pediatrics				
Providers Signed Up with REC	457	23,323	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	439	21,379	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	380	15,274	2014-12	REC
Family Practice				
Providers Signed Up with REC	707	58,654	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	697	55,722	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	584	44,425	2014-12	REC
General Practice				
Providers Signed Up with REC	37	6,617	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	36	5,692	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	27	3,719	2014-12	REC
Geriatrics				
Providers Signed Up with REC	44	1,020	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	43	952	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	39	662	2014-12	REC
Gynecology and OBGYN				
Providers Signed Up with REC	173	17,142	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	148	15,782	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	137	11,769	2014-12	REC
Internal Medicine				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1,040	35,989	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,017	33,909	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	919	28,355	2014-12	REC
Other Specialties				
Providers Signed Up with REC	0	2,838	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Live with an EHR	0	2,707	2014-12	REC
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	0	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

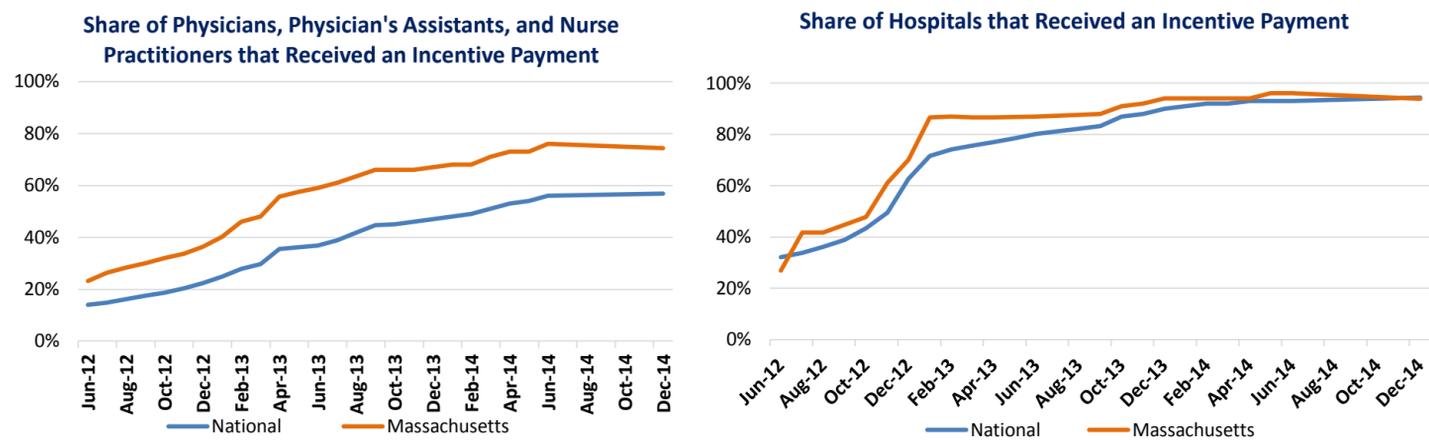
All Eligible Providers¹	15,838	417,657	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Hospitals	67	4,695	2014-12	CMS
Medicare	4	253	2014-12	CMS
Medicaid	2	137	2014-12	CMS
Medicare/Medicaid	61	4,305	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Professionals¹	15,771	412,962	2014-12	CMS
Medicare	10,183	278,338	2014-12	CMS
Medicaid	5,588	134,624	2014-12	CMS

Payment Amounts

All Eligible Providers¹ (in \$ millions)	\$ 765	\$ 27,727	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Hospitals (in \$ millions)	\$ 347	\$ 17,412	2014-12	CMS
<i>Payments (per unique paid hospital)</i>	\$ 5,177,118	\$ 3,708,701	2014-12	CMS
Eligible Professionals¹ (in \$ millions)	\$ 418	\$ 10,315	2014-12	CMS
<i>Payments (per unique professional paid)</i>	\$ 26,534	\$ 24,977	2014-12	CMS

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

Share of all U.S. physicians, NPs, and PAs who have received a payment ²	74%	57%	2014-12	ONC
Share of hospitals that received a payment ³	94%	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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