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ARRA Health Information Technology Incentives

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4th Annual Louis A Cottle
Medical Education Conference

ARRA* Health Information Technology Incentives

*The American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009

SPEAKER:

**Micky Tripathi,
PhD, MPH**

President and Chief
Executive Officer,
Massachusetts
e-Health
Collaborative

Wednesday
March 10, 2010
Beechwood Hotel
Worcester

5:30 pm
Registration
6:00 pm Program
A light supper
will be available.

The Worcester District Medical Society designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™.

About the Speaker:

Micky Tripathi is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC), a nonprofit collaboration of 34 leading Massachusetts organizations. He is also a member of the board of directors of MA-SHARE, a community utility service for statewide clinical data exchange in Massachusetts.

He holds a PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University, and an AB in political science from Vassar College. Prior to receiving his PhD, he was a senior operations research analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, DC, for which he received the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Micky is co-chair of the Health Information Exchange Workgroup, one of three subgroups of the Health IT Policy Committee, which is charged with making recommendations about health information exchange to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Tripathi has completed a disclosure document indicating that he has no relevant financial relationships.

Program Description:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, (ARRA) signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, includes \$47 billion in provisions for health information technology (HIT). Of this amount, \$45 billion is set aside for direct payment to physicians and hospitals who meet the “meaningful use” requirement of a “qualified” electronic health record system.

Beginning in 2011, each physician will be eligible for up to \$44,000 in Medicare incentives or up to \$67,000 in Medicaid incentives, depending on the number of Medicaid patients served.

Adhering to “meaningful use” guidelines may also result in higher quality care and improved patient outcomes. A survey published in the New England Journal of Medicine in July 2008 found that a large majority of physicians using EHRs reported benefits to the quality of care: 82% said EHRs improved the quality of clinical decisions, and 86% said they helped avoid medication errors.

The Massachusetts e-Health Collaborative (MAeHC) in coordination with the Massachusetts Medical Society developed a one-hour program to educate physicians and their staff about the ARRA HIT federal stimulus program. Specifically, the program will cover the funding that is available and how to qualify as a “meaningful user.”

CME Credit Information (Category 1 Credit)

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Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Worcester District Medical Society is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

All faculty participating in continuing medical education activities sponsored by Worcester District Medical Society are expected to disclose to the program audience any relevant or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of their presentation.

Program Goals and Objectives:

This activity is designed to encourage physicians to implement Electronic Health Records.

- As a result of attending this program, participants will be able to:
- Assess the impact of ARRA on their practice
- Identify how they can access available funding and specialized programs designed to support EHR implementation and “meaningful use”
- Recognize what is involved in implementing an EHR system, including the critical importance of implementation guidance and support during the process
- Utilize their EHRs according to “meaningful use” guidelines and timeframes

REGISTRATION FORM - ARRA HEALTH IT INCENTIVES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:30 pm ~ Beechwood Hotel, Worcester

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Registration and payment (if appropriate) must be received no later than March 3, 2010

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