

## **Informing Clinicians Committee Meeting Summary**

**June 30, 2006**

**Audio Conference**

***Host Site: Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care***

**2625 Butterfield Road, Suite 102E**

**Oak Brook, IL 60523-1234**

### **Committee Members:**

*Ellen Brull, M.D., Chair*

Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D.

Craig Backs, M.D.

Dan Litoff, M.D.

Beth Hackman

### **Presenters:**

Hayes Abrams, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Marc Washington, Clue Cross Blue Shield

Grace Martos, Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care

Stasia Kahn, Northern Illinois Physicians for Connectivity

### **Other Participants:**

Patrick Gallagher, ISMS

### **Staff Members**

Ariel Katz

Jeff Johnson

The meeting began at 1:15 P.M with the chair initiating a discussion of the issues surrounding the previous committee minutes. Hayes Abrams from Blue Cross, amended the minutes and stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield is not trying to get prescription medications online but is working with other insurance companies to share data. Dr Brull mentioned that there is a pilot program in place that is not taking place in Illinois.

Marc Washington and Hayes Abrams from Blue Cross Blue Shield presented, "BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois Personal Health Record Discussion". They discussed the new pilot study with AHIP that will focus on sharing data among insurance companies in cases of transfer of care. The pilot program will include the standardization their data collection processes. They also mentioned that payor data has been piloted in Massachusetts's Emergency Rooms. Pilot programs are being conducted in other states as well.

Grace Martos presented, "Introduction to DOQ-IT". She discussed how DOQ-It is helping physician practices with EMR selection and implementation. She also discussed many of the challenges that DOQ-IT helps to overcome. Enrollment in DOQ-IT recently closed in July. They are now assisting those enrollees to further implement their EMR

systems. Dr Brull commented on how invaluable DOQ-IT has become to helping clinicians implement EMRs and that it is a shame that enrollment is closed.

Stasia Kahn presented on the “Continuity of Care Record”. CCR is a record devised by ASTM and is being used to communicate between clinicians. She states that she currently has been sending information to other clinicians using CCR and is working with the Patient Safety Forum to further the use of CCR records to clinicians throughout Illinois. Dr Litoff thought that such a record could be used when transferring information between hospital and long term care facilities.

Finally, plans for upcoming meetings were discussed. The Steering Committee was to reconvene in early July and that the next meeting to discuss objectives and issues should be scheduled for early August.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.