ILHIE ILLINOIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

System IT Survey
For Accountable Care Entities (ACE)

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Question #1

- How will the information in the survey be used?

Response:

- ACEs responded differently to the HIT section of the ACE solicitation. HFS needs a consistent method to evaluate technical components. The survey will provide reliable data to HFS which will help the State understand the strengths and weaknesses of each ACE so that effective and customized planning can occur for each ACE.

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Question #2

- How will the information in the survey be updated on an ongoing basis? Is there a timeframe for us to update the information?

Response:

- It is anticipated that the State will want to reassess this information as the ACEs progress. It has not, however, yet been determined how often this will occur. This should be known in the next few weeks.

Question #3

- There was a request that each entity within our ACE complete a single line of the survey. But for many of the [ACE] entities, there is more than one "entity type" and the "entity type" drop down only allows the selection of one option. Should we select one and then list the total providers across all facilities in column C and combine inpatient EHR and outpatient EHRs into a single line response? Please advise.

Response:

- If there is a facility that provides different types of care (especially if the facility is using different EHRs) then the State would like to see those broken out on separate lines in the spreadsheet. So, ACE entities may have multiple lines for the same physical location.

Question #4

- Many of our organizations did not understand the meaning of this question in column AB. "Does your EHR support SAML Assertions connecting through a secure web service?" Please advise.

Response:

- **Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)** is a standard for exchanging authentication and authorization data between security domains. SAML assertions allow a user of a web connected application to login and be authenticated to that application and then allow the application to pass the authentication data on to other web applications in the background so the user only has to login once. For example, when SAML assertions are used, a user of an EMR connected to the ILHIE should be able to request information from ILHIE without having to login to the ILHIE separately. The ILHIE will appear to the user to be an extension of the user's EMR.

  Please refer to this document for additional background of use of SAML within ILHIE:

  http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/HIE/Documents/SAML%20Assertions%20and%20ILHIE.pdf

Question #5

- Many organizations responded with "No" answers due to the fact that questions stated the "EHR"'s functionality. Many organizations are in the process of deploying different elements of their Regional HIE solution that would change that response but the question states EHR. Please advise.

Response:

- The main focus of this survey is to understand each ACE entity's current EHR capability and readiness for exchange. So, please complete the cells based on the ACE entity EHR and not the Regional HIO ("RHIO") that is planned for connection. However, in those same cells please do identify what RHIO you are connecting/connected with.

Question #6

- Should responses reflect the current state or the response based on the program start date 7/1/14? Many of the meaningful use deadlines have our organizations completing upgrades this spring and summer, so responses will be different.

Response:

- The State would like current EHR information and, if possible, dates for when any upgrades are planned.

Additional Questions?

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