

## WASHINGTON & IDAHO REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER (WIREC) A PROGRAM OF QUALIS HEALTH

**PURPOSE:** WIREC assists primary care providers (family practice, internal med, pediatrics, OB/GYN) with successfully adopting electronic health records (EHRs) and reaching meaningful use.

**DELIVERABLE(S) and the COMPLETION DATE FOR EACH DELIVERABLE:** The Regional Extension Center program was funded in 2010, and is expected to continue through February 2014.

**INTERIM MILESTONES:** The WIREC goal is to enroll about 2,400 primary care providers into the program, and assist those providers to reach meaningful use. As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, we have over 2,000 Washington & Idaho providers enrolled.

**ANTICIPATED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Our program started in February 2010.

**LEAD ENTITY/INDIVIDUAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS:**

We partner with many stakeholders for coordination and collaboration purposes such as Medicare, Medicaid, the Statewide HIE entity, and other stakeholders that support providers. Our participants are primary care providers.

**FUNDING SOURCE(S):** We are one of 62 regional extension centers nationwide, funded through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (DHHS)

**BARRIERS:** WIREC currently has 400 providers in Idaho enrolled in the program, which equals a 35% penetration rate among primary care provider in the state. We want to make sure that all eligible providers (the other 65%) that are interested in receiving free technical assistance know about our program and have access to the assistance that they need.

**VISION:** The Governor's Vision for Idaho's health care system is that "Idahoans will have the opportunity to access quality, effective and efficient healthcare that provides a coordinated delivery system with affordable and accessible health insurance options. *How does this project help to achieve that vision?*

**IS THIS PROJECT MOST RELEVANT TO (CHECK ONE):**

Health Insurance Affordability and Accessibility  
 Health Information Technology  
 Health Care Delivery

**WEBSITE (if any):** [www.wirecQH.org](http://www.wirecQH.org)