



CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Leveraging Federal Matching Funds

Grantmakers in Health

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California HealthCare Foundation

Supporting Ideas & Innovations To Improve Health Care For All Californians

- Private, nonprofit foundation, created when Blue Cross of CA converted from nonprofit to for-profit
- In operation since 1996, offices in Oakland and Sacramento with staff of 52
- Approximately \$40 million per year in projects and grants, primarily in four areas:
 - Better Chronic Disease Care
 - Innovations for the Underserved
 - Market & Policy Monitor
 - Health Reform & Public Programs Initiative

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Supporting Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

- Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act provided financial incentives to eligible providers and hospitals for adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs)
- Additional federal funds available to state Medicaid agencies to support Medicaid EHR incentive program at 90:10 match rate :
 - Design and planning
 - Administration
 - Implementation

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Funding Impact and Next Steps

- Initial funding (\$400K) enabled CA to draw down \$3.6M in federal funds for program planning and administration
- As of February 2013, over \$487M incentive payments have been paid to 7,000 providers and 200 hospitals
- Fiscal impact on CA's General Fund estimated to be \$103.5M in additional revenue by June 2021
- CHCF funding shifting from core support to program enhancement:
 - Health information exchange
 - Quality improvement

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Challenges Along the Way

- Aligning visions and priorities
- Leadership changes
- Dynamic healthcare landscape nationally and in CA
- Ongoing state budget and fiscal issues

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