New Mexico PMP - Health IT System Integration Update

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Why Integration?

• In a recent NM PMP survey, it was the #1 reason practitioners gave as what would likely increase their use of PMP information.
  ➢ While 87% of practitioners are registered with the PMP, only ~ 40% of those ran a PMP report in the past year.

• Current focus of NM PMP is to increase utilization of service and having multiple “access points” is seen as one way to do this.

• Integration is a requirement of potential grant funding as well as being perceived as the next step in expansion of PMPs
Potential Health IT System Partners

In discussions with and varying degrees of interest from...

• Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) in southern NM
• Presbyterian Hospital System (uses EPIC)
• New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC)
• New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA)
• Kroger (Smith's in New Mexico)

and possibly

• Pilots with S&I Framework
• IHS
Issues for Health IT Systems (?)

Guesses as to what may be delaying commitments from Health IT System Partners

• Meaningful Use Requirements more of a priority
• Unfamiliarly with PMP data (and how to integrate/present)
• No one else in state doing integration (no peer pressure!)
• Different data transport standards and who / how to translate
• Questions regarding how to connect (custom built, 3rd party gateway, NARxCHECK...)
• Current way to access the PMP seems to work fine for most users
Issues for PMPs

Potential Downsides to PMPs regarding integration

• Loss of control of presentation / explanation of data
• Loss of direct user contact ability
• Loss of user level statistics / user interaction
• Need for infrastructure for setting up and maintaining mapping between PMP usernames and Health IT System users
• Questionable benefit beyond using web portal
Ways to Integrate

Integration solutions New Mexico is considering:

- Via PMP interconnect Hub
  - PMP Gateway
  - NARxCHECK (via above)
  - Easy setup; translation service available
  - No cost to state, but maintenance costs for integration partners

- Single Sign-On
  - Cost to build, ongoing maintenance work (user mapping)
  - Lots of issues and unknowns causing questioning of benefit
What’s next

What can a PMP do to encourage Health IT system partners to pursue integration

- Money?
  - Doesn’t seem to be an issue as many PMPs have grant money they can’t give away!
  - May be more of a concern once 3rd party gateways come online and costs are known

- Mandatory Use of PMPs by States
  - As more states (and company policies) require mandatory use of PMPs, Health IT systems do seem to be looking at how to more efficiently access the PMPs

- Federal Requirements?
  - Will it take something like inclusion into Meaningful Use Requirements before significant progress is made