

NATIONAL INDIAN REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER- CALIFORNIA



**operated by the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB),
in partnership with the CA Area Indian Health Service**

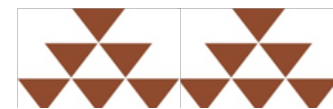
Goals and Objectives



Overview of National Indian REC

1. Describe National Indian REC Services partnership in CA
2. Inform participants about the types of services that will be offered by REC
3. Explain how CA Tribal and Urban Programs can access National Indian REC services

Regional Extension Centers



National Indian REC

- 62 HITECH Regional Extension Centers (RECs) throughout U.S. **Most RECs serve a single state.**
- National Indian Health Board is the only **National REC** serving Tribes located in 35 states throughout the U.S. – the National Indian REC. www.nihb.org
- CRIHB is 1 of 4 Regional Subcontractors for the National Indian REC (others will include: USET, Alaska, and NPAIHB)

Regional Extension Center

Scope of Work

- EHR Implementation Services
- Meaningful Use Support Services
- Vendor Selection and Group Purchasing
- Provider Education and Outreach Services
- National Learning Consortium Participation
- Practice and Workflow Design
- Health Information Exchange Services
- Privacy and Security Best Practices
- Local Workforce Support



Eligibility for REC Services

- Physicians (doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy)
- Nurse practitioners
- Certified nurse-midwives
- Physician Assistants
- Alaska Community Health Aide Practitioners (CHA/P)



*Please note that eligibility is different for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

National Indian REC Objectives



- Support implementation and use of EHR by Providers throughout the Indian Health System.
- Assist Tribal and Urban Programs in achieving Meaningful Use.

How Will National Indian REC Services Be Delivered in CA?



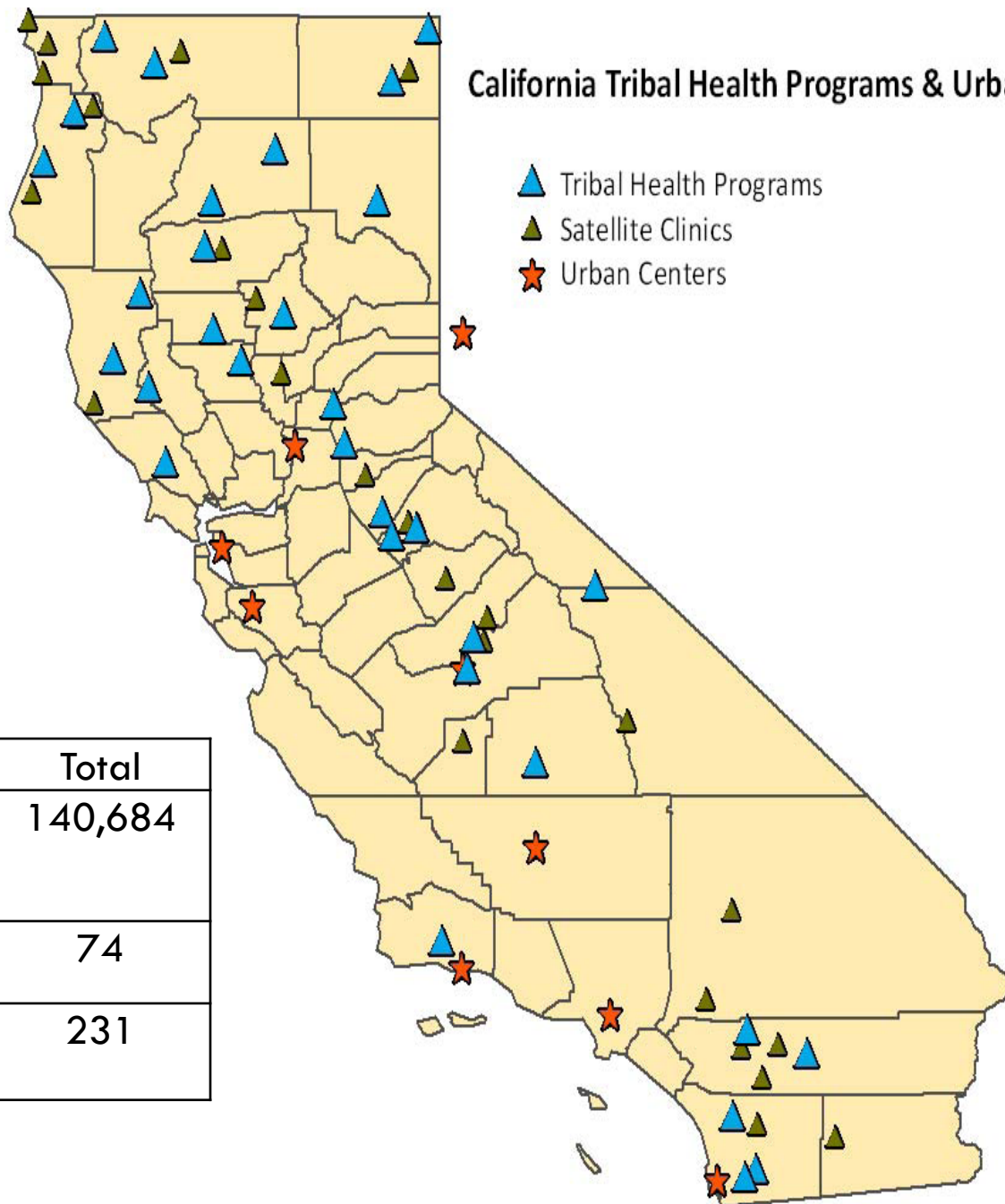
- Area Sub Award to implement local REC services
- CRIHB working in partnership with CA Area Indian Health Service to provide technical assistance
- Target all 74 California tribal and urban Indian clinic sites to help them access EHR incentive payments through achievement of MU



California Tribal Health Programs & Urban Centers



-  Tribal Health Programs
-  Satellite Clinics
-  Urban Centers



	Total
IHS beneficiary population in California	1 40,684
Clinic sites	74
Providers	231

National Indian REC Subcontractor: California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)



CRIHB

- Founded in 1969
- Sacramento-based Tribal Organization
- 12 member Tribal Health Programs; 23 Tribes
- Technical Assistance Services throughout CA to both member and non-member Tribal Health Programs

Collaborative Role

- Day to day operations of the National Indian REC- CA
- REC Services Management and Reporting to NIHB and ONC
- Coordination REC Subsidized Services with IHS and other Vendors/Consultants
- Health IT Advocacy and Policy Development at State and National Level
- Commercial EHR Vendor Selection
- Documentation of Meaningful Use
- Assistance with signing up for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

California Area Indian Health Service



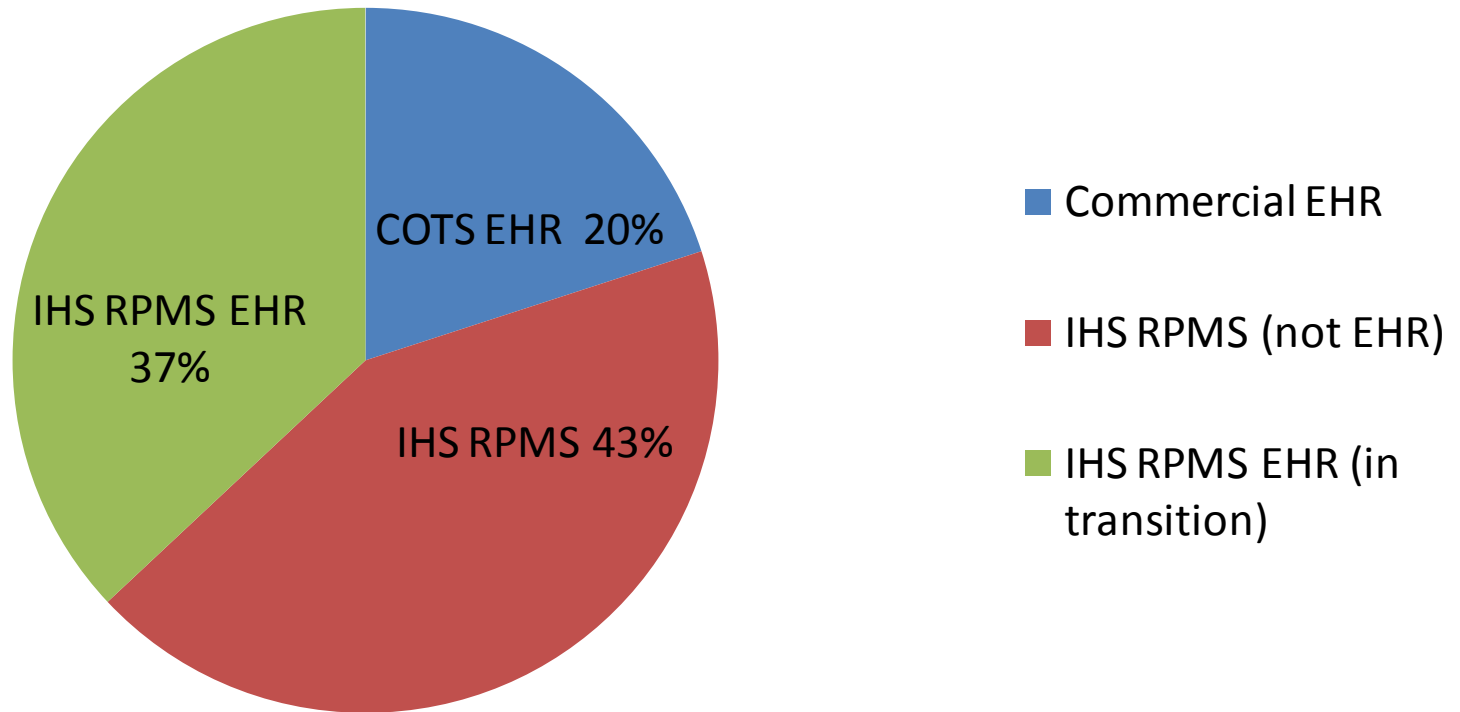
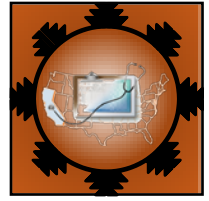
California Area Office IHS

- Established in 1969
- Area office in Sacramento (with several field offices)
- Provides healthcare delivery system for over 100,000 registered users at California tribal and urban healthcare programs

Collaborative Role

- Regular communication with site meaningful use coordinators
- Conducting on-site meaningful use assessments
- Promoting provider sign-up with National Indian REC
- Provide RPMS EHR implementation support
- Personalized RPMS EHR support by experienced Area CACs

Types of Practice Management Systems Used Among CA Tribal & Urban Health Programs



National Indian REC-CA Activities



- ❑ Webinars
- ❑ Continuing Education Units (CEU's)
- ❑ On-site coaching and mentoring sessions
- ❑ Meaningful Use technical assistance and training
- ❑ Assistance with enrolling for EHR incentives
- ❑ Annual MU Summit for CA Tribal/Urban clinics
- ❑ Promotion of Health IT educational opportunities
- ❑ Provider Sign-Up for REC Services

Other Updates

National Indian REC- California



- CA Provider Sign-Up is currently underway through National Indian REC Headquarters at NIHB
- CRIHB Subcontract National Indian REC- CA in final stages of approval by the Office of National Coordinator
- CRIHB is working closely with California Area IHS to coordinate REC efforts
- National Indian REC-CA web page- **COMING SOON!**

www.crihb.org/rec



National Indian REC-CA Sign-Up Tribal Provider Agreement Form



National Indian Health Board
AI/AN National - Regional Extension Center (REC)
Provider Letter of Agreement for REC Services
For Tribal Health Programs

This Agreement (the "Agreement") between the National Indian Health Board American Indian/ Alaska Native National Regional Extension Center ("NIHB AI/AN National REC") and ("Tribal Health Program") confirms our agreement for NIHB AI/AN National REC assistance as described below (the REC Services).

Term and Termination

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date that it is signed by the Tribal Health Program (the "Effective Date") and shall end upon the completion of the REC Services. The Agreement shall be automatically terminated if the applicable federal funding is terminated for any reason. In the event that the Tribal Health Program fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the NIHB AI/AN National REC may in its reasonable discretion terminate the Agreement upon reasonable notice. Likewise, if the NIHB AI/AN National REC fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Tribal Health Program may in its reasonable discretion terminate the Agreement upon reasonable notice.

THE HITECH Regional Extension Center (REC) Program

The Federal government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds is providing financial incentives to healthcare providers nationwide; to attain "meaningful use" of certified electronic health records (EHR) systems beginning in 2011. Policy makers understand that practitioners will need assistance in selecting, implementing, and preparing EHR systems to connect health information exchanges (HIEs) in order to achieve meaningful use. Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers (RECs) are funded to provide this assistance.

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) National REC

The primary goal of the AI/AN National REC is to ensure that providers throughout the Indian Health System receive technical resources to support their implementation and use of electronic health records and related health information technology to achieve meaningful use. Given the unique needs of Indian Health Service providers and the vast array of primary care providers who will be seeking technical assistance from their respective State Regional Extension Centers (State REC), the NIHB AI/AN National REC was established to meet the specific technical assistance needs of Indian Health Service (IHS) direct operated programs, Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Indian health programs (collectively referred to as I/T/U).

The AI/AN National REC will support and serve I/T/U health care providers to help them become adept and meaningful users of electronic health records (EHRs). The AI/AN REC will support eligible tribal health care providers with the following REC services:

- Selecting a certified EHR product that offers best value for the providers' needs;
- Achieving effective implementation of a certified EHR product;
- Enhancing clinical and administrative workflows to optimally leverage an EHR system's potential to improve quality and value of care, including patient experience as well as outcome of care; and,
- Observing and complying with applicable legal, regulatory, professional and ethical requirements to protect the integrity, privacy and security of patients' health information.

Send completed form to:

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EHR Medicare and Medicaid Incentives start in 2011. Are you an Indian health organization that wants to achieve Meaningful Use? Sign-up now for FREE regional extension center services with the National Indian REC, the only REC serving exclusively ITTUs. For more information, please go to [Learn More](#)

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National Indian Health Board American Indian/Alaska Native National REC (AI/AN National REC)

Fact Sheet with Questions & Answers

National Goal for Adoption and Use of Certified Electronic Health Records

Adopt use of certified electronic health records (EHRs) and successfully meet the Meaningful Use standards for use of certified EHRs. Integrate improved workflow processes into facility/provider clinical practices through demonstration of meaningful use of an EHR that results in "Improved Quality of Patient Care and Outcomes."

National Indian Health Board

In April 2010, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) received approval for a cooperative agreement award from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to establish the NIHB American Indian/Alaska Native National REC (NIHB AI/AN National REC). The terms of this award include a four year scope of work and only two years of funding. NIHB will need the teamwork assistance of the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribes and Tribal Organizations, and urban Indian organizations to make this project a success.

The NIHB AI/AN National REC must work with Providers in IHS, Tribal and Urban Indian (I/T/U) health facilities to gain access to \$14.1 million in REC direct support funds. The \$14.1 million must be earned by meeting three ONC-mandated milestones:

Milestone 1 – Secure signed agreements from up to 3,000 providers in the Indian Health System to work with the AI/AN National REC = \$4.7 million.

Milestone 2 – Verify implementation of certified EHR software among those 3,000 providers = \$4.7 million.

Milestone 3 – Verify the meaningful use of certified EHRs among those 3,000 providers = \$4.7 million.

The direct support funds earned by the NIHB AI/AN National REC will be used to support EHR



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