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HITEC-LA Selects NextGen Healthcare as Preferred Vendor for Certified Electronic Health Records

NextGen Healthcare to offer discounted pricing and special contract terms to HITEC-LA members, including primary care providers and specialists in L.A. County

LOS ANGELES – HITEC-LA, the Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (REC) for the nation’s most populous county, announced today that it has selected [NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, Inc.](#) (NextGen Healthcare) as one of its preferred vendors to offer certified electronic health records (EHRs) to L.A. County’s solo, small group, and clinic health care providers. Certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), NextGen Healthcare’s ambulatory and inpatient EHR solutions are capable of meeting the criteria supporting Stage 1 meaningful use, and as a result, allow eligible health care providers and hospitals to qualify for Medicare and Medicaid incentives.

“We are pleased that NextGen Healthcare will offer favorable pricing and terms to the solo providers, small practices, and clinics that we serve,” says Mary Franz, Executive Director for HITEC-LA. “NextGen Healthcare offers a high-quality certified EHR that can help providers achieve meaningful use and improve the quality of care they deliver.”

“Providers using NextGen Healthcare’s ambulatory and inpatient EHRs have earned more than \$9 million in meaningful use incentives already,” said Scott Decker, President of NextGen Healthcare. “The Regional Extension Centers play a critical role in supporting providers through selection of health information technology, education on meaningful use, and attestation. We’re honored to be named a preferred EHR vendor by HITEC-LA and confident that by working together, we can lead clients in Los Angeles County to achieve similar success.”

RECs were formed under the Health Information Technology Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In addition to developing the RECs, the HITECH Act also created the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, which provide incentive payments to eligible professionals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Eligible health care providers can receive up to \$63,750 under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program or up to \$44,000 under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.

HITEC-LA was founded in 2010 under the HITECH Act when the federal government awarded L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation’s largest public health plan, a \$16.4 million grant to establish the exclusive REC for Los Angeles County. HITEC-LA’s goal is to help a minimum of 3,000 eligible primary care providers

achieve meaningful use Stage 1 of a certified EHR by April 2014. HITEC-LA acts solely in the best interest of Los Angeles County health care providers, helping them select the right certified EHR system for their practices, and guiding them through the entire implementation process to achieve meaningful use. Selected subsidized technical assistance is offered to eligible primary care providers at no cost to them; specialists and other health care providers receive those services at substantial discounts.

HITEC-LA has selected several preferred EHR vendors. Through these multiple vendors, a wide range of certified EHR options will be available for HITEC-LA's members throughout Los Angeles County including solo/small practices and clinics. Providers who sign up for HITEC-LA membership are offered a certified EHR selection process to help them assess their needs and choose which vendor is the best fit for their practice. HITEC-LA is vendor neutral, and can help providers implement any EHR certified by the ONC.

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About NextGen Healthcare

NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Quality Systems, Inc., provides integrated clinical, financial, and connectivity solutions for ambulatory, inpatient, and dental provider organizations. For more information, please visit www.nextgen.com and www.gsii.com. Follow NextGen Healthcare on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nextgen or Facebook at www.facebook.com/NextGenHealthcare.

About HITEC-LA

Health Information Technology Extension Center for Los Angeles (HITEC-LA) is the exclusive federally-designated Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center for Los Angeles County, charged with helping doctors and primary care providers select, implement, and meaningfully use electronic health records certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). HITEC-LA helps providers assess their technology needs, as well as offers education, training, and on-site technical assistance. HITEC-LA, a project of L.A. Care Health Plan, is funded by the ONC, Department of Health and Human Services, Award Number: 90RC0052/01. For more information, visit www.hitecla.org.