



Specialty Medications

Leveraging HIT to Improve Specialty Medication Processes

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Specialty medications help extend the life expectancy of millions of patients and improve the quality of life for millions more. Despite their value and growing use, they are expensive for payers, patients and society alike. As a result, stakeholders are looking for ways to make specialty medications more affordable and accessible to those patients who need them. One possibility is to leverage health information technology (HIT) to reduce costly administrative overhead.

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HIE Sustainability

Helping Grant-Funded HIEs Achieve Financial Sustainability

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Many health information exchanges (HIEs) are facing a questionably financial future. Those federally funded, especially, are up against critical deadlines as their grants are about to expire in October, and budgeted state funding should dry up within a year after that. Without this outside financial support, the survival potential of many of the still nascent HIEs is uncertain.

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Blue Button: Unlocking Data and Engaging Consumers Post-Google Health

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Patient engagement, patient-directed care, personalized health, or whatever the moniker, is monopolizing health care discussions at the moment. Nowhere was this more evident than at the Fourth Annual [Health Datapalooza](#). A majority of attendees believe that “liberating data” and putting information in the hands of patients might just be the movement that changes health and health care. Enter [Blue Button](#).

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