Outreach to EHR Vendors

Please contact your EHR vendor to request that they engage with OPA on our IHE Family Planning Technical Profile!

We need a critical mass of grantees, sub recipients, and service sites to make the request in order to create demand for EHR vendor participation.

You do not need to be able to discuss any technical details with your vendors. We need you to get this on their radar and drive them to OPA’s doorstep.

Context

• OPA is currently undertaking a major overhaul of our Family Planning Annual Report (FPAR) data reporting system.
• The new system (FPAR 2.0) will rely heavily on the use of Electronic Health Records.
• OPA is working to create data and exchange standards for FPAR 2.0 that can be applied across multiple EHRs.
• Part of this process is creating a Family Planning Technical Profile. We are currently working within IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise), an international standards development organization, to create this profile.

Anticipated Timeline of Requests to Vendors & Experts within Your Organization

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Action Steps for Grantees, Subrecipients, and Service Sites

1. Use the script on page 2 to ask your EHR vendor to:
   a. Have their senior technical staff read and review the Family Planning Technical Profile and submit comments between May-June. (Profile will be posted here in May: http://www.ihe.net/Public_Comment/)
   b. Participate in OPA’s Vendor Engagement Activities starting in August to learn more about how to onboard onto OPA’s testing platform
   c. Starting in September, prepare for and become certified in the Family Planning Profile at IHE’s Connectathon in January 2015
   d. Contact OPA for more details at FPAR2.0@hhs.gov

2. Email OPA at FPAR2.0@hhs.gov to let us know that you’ve reached out to your vendor. Please describe what type of response, if any, you received.

Thank you for your help!
**Suggested Script – You can tailor further, as you see fit**

As a Title X-funded family planning health care provider and a customer of *insert EHR vendor name here*, I am contacting you to request that your organization partner with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Population Affairs (OPA) in their efforts to create a Family Planning Technical Profile, which will establish standards structured data capture of family planning variables that can be applied across multiple EHR systems.

OPA is working with Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise to create, test and certify the Family Planning Technical Profile.

As a customer, I am requesting that you:

1. Have your technical project managers and lead developers review the Family Planning Profile and submit comments during the public comment period in June. (Profile will be posted in May at http://www.ihe.net/Public_Comment/)
2. Participate in OPA’s Vendor Engagement Activities (Aug-Oct) to learn more about how to onboard onto OPA’s testing platform. FPAR2.0@hhs.gov
3. Starting in September, prepare for and become certified in the Family Planning Profile at the January 2015 IHE North America Connectathon that will take place in Cleveland, OH.
   a. To learn more about the requirements of a Connectathon, please consult the 2014 Technical Support Material at http://na2014.wustl.edu/

Please contact OPA at FPAR2.0@hhs.gov if you are willing to learn more about this important initiative. A knowledgeable OPA staff member will be happy to set up a time to speak with you further regarding the details of partnering in this effort and the business case for your organization.

Thank you, sincerely, for your time and consideration.