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CALOPTIMA TECHASSIST PROGRAM AWARDED $4.3 MILLION GRANT

Funding will help more than 800 local Medi-Cal providers meet
electronic health record meaningful use requirements

ORANGE, Calif. (December 8, 2015) — CalOptima, the public health plan for Orange County, launched its new TechAssist Program, formerly known as CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC). The program will administer a three-year, $4.3 million grant from the California Department of Health Care Services to assist Medi-Cal primary care providers and specialists with certified electronic health records (CEHR).

"Through COREC, we have already helped more than 1,000 providers implement and become meaningful users of certified electronic health records," said Len Rosignoli, CalOptima Chief Information Officer. "With the CalOptima TechAssist Program, our goal is to assist an additional 865 qualified Orange County providers in achieving CEHR meaningful use requirements. There is also potential to help them apply for and receive incentive dollars through the Medi-Cal Electronic Health Record Incentive Program, totaling $63,750 per provider."

As participants in the CalOptima TechAssist Program, eligible Orange County health care professionals can receive technical assistance in selecting, implementing and achieving meaningful use of a CEHR. Designed to help both primary care providers and specialists, the program offers free advice from subject matter experts to guide them through what can often be a confusing process.

"As providers successfully implement and use CEHRs, they have a greater and easier opportunity to view and exchange comprehensive patient information, ideally improving their ability to manage the care of patients," continued Rosignoli. "In fact, the effective and efficient use of CEHRs can contribute to better health care quality and reduce overall costs."

The CalOptima TechAssist Program meets providers where they are in the CEHR process with free assistance from experts. This can include helping them at the beginning of the process or in meeting the next phase of meaningful use.

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In order to participate, interested providers must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered through CalOptima for the California Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)
- Be a CalOptima-contracted provider, directly or through a health network
- Be one of the following eligible providers: MD, DO, OB/GYN, PA, NP, CNMW, DDS, optometrist, and board-certified or board-eligible physician
- Specialists: board-certified or board-eligible physician
- Have 30 percent Medi-Cal patient volume or higher (20 percent Medi-Cal patient volume or higher for pediatrics)

To learn about the types of assistance the CalOptima TechAssist Program can provide, visit www.caloptima.org/techassist for more details.

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About CalOptima
A county organized health system, CalOptima provides publicly funded health care coverage for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County, Calif. CalOptima's mission is to provide members with access to quality health care services delivered in a cost-effective and compassionate manner. In total, CalOptima serves more than 750,000 members with a network of more than 7,000 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 30 hospitals.