

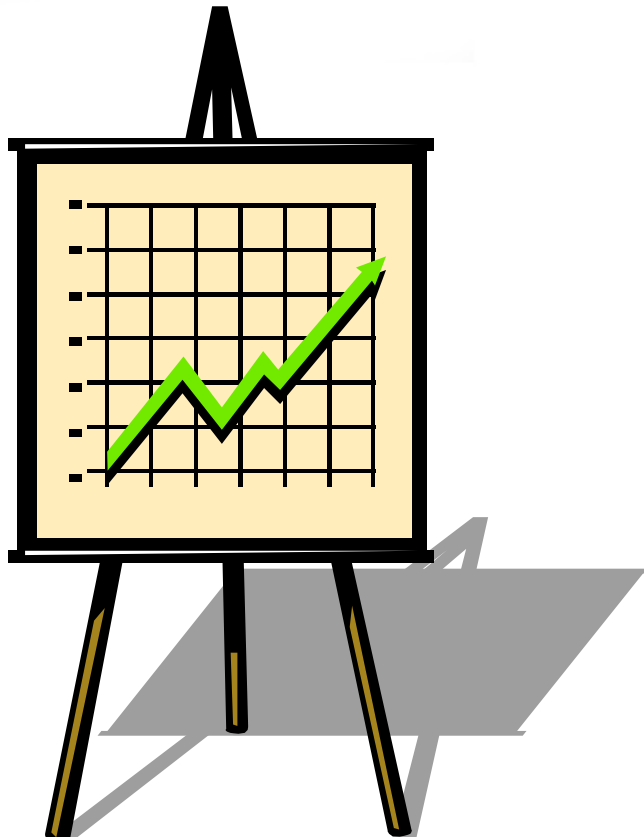
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# Louisiana ARRA Update

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# The Mission



To lead evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana citizens.



# The Keys to Getting There

- **Quality Measurement:** collecting and using data to guide improvements in health care quality.
- **Clinical Quality Improvement:** supporting clinicians in their pursuit of meaningful, specific and quantifiable improvements in health care.
- **Outreach & Education:** educating individuals and organizations about ways to promote better health and health care utilization in the community.
- **Medical Home:** promoting the use of patient centered primary care in Louisiana as the foundation of coordinated, quality-driven health care.
- **Health Information Technology:** enabling the use of interoperable health information technology in Louisiana to improve the quality of health care.



# The Quality Forum Approach

- Convene and facilitate
- Engage in consensus-based decision making
- Support pilot programs and demonstration projects in regions of the state to test ideas
- Encourage, promote, educate and inform - all program efforts are voluntary and not a mandate
- Objective and transparent

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# ARRA

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- improve health care quality, reduce medical errors, reduce health disparities and advance the delivery of patient-centered medical care
- reduce health care costs resulting from inefficiency, medical errors, inappropriate care, duplicative care and incomplete information
- improve the coordination of care and information among hospitals, laboratories, physician offices, and others



# The Quality Forum and ARRA

## State Designated Entity

- February 2009, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) named the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum as the State-Designated Entity to lead all of the planning and implementation of the health information technology (HIT) grants contained in ARRA.



## Barriers to HIT Implementation

Cost of Implementation & Use

Technology Fear

Infrastructure for Exchange

Trained Staff / Workforce

Need for Support through Selection and Implementation

## ARRA Grant Opportunities

HIT Infrastructure Grant/HIE (§3011)

Regional Extension Center Grant (§3012)

HIT Promotion Grant (§3013)

Loan Program Grant (§3014)

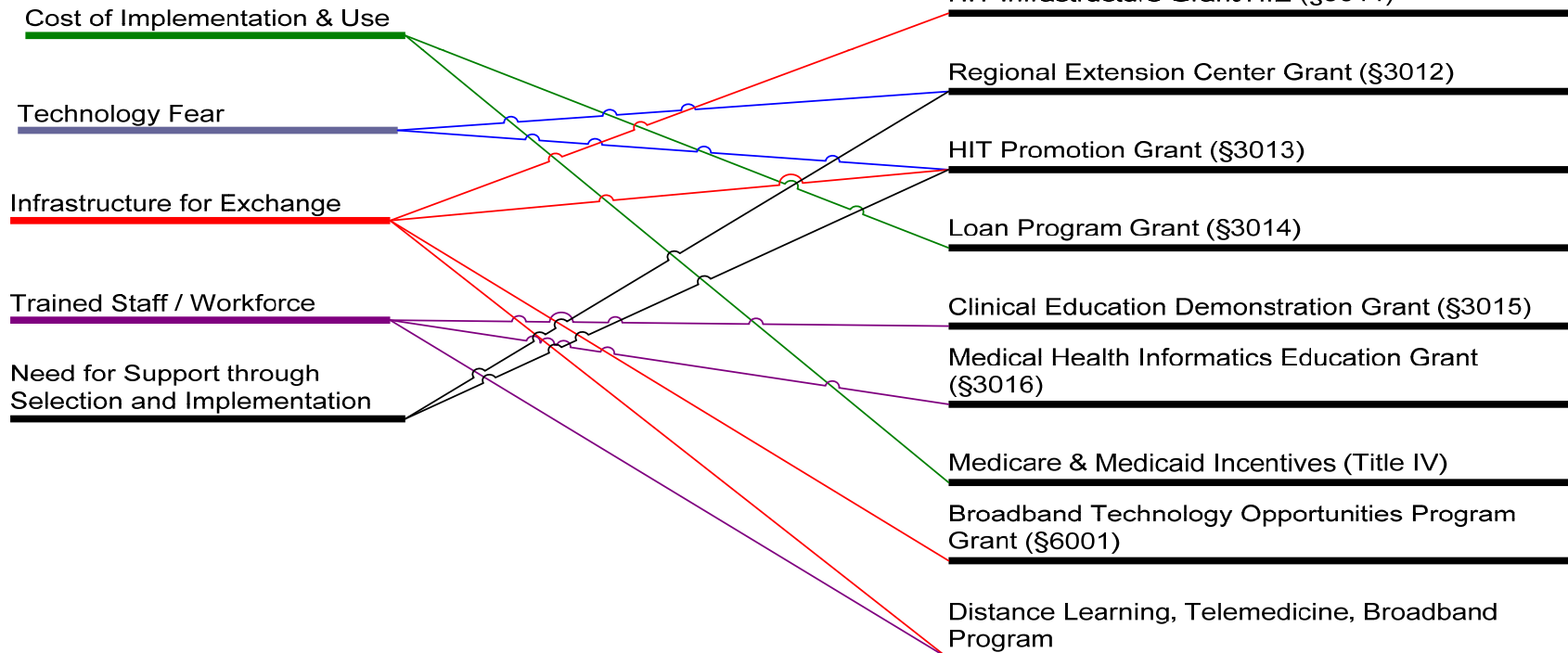
Clinical Education Demonstration Grant (§3015)

Medical Health Informatics Education Grant (§3016)

Medicare & Medicaid Incentives (Title IV)

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant (§6001)

Distance Learning, Telemedicine, Broadband Program





# Medicare & Medicaid Incentives

For eligible professionals and hospitals who are

- meaningful users of a certified EHR
- reporting on quality measures
- are connected for HIE



# Medicare & Medicaid Incentives

## Continuing Extension Act of 2010

- signed into law April 15, 2010
- replaces the language "setting (whether inpatient or outpatient)" from ARRA with the phrase "inpatient or emergency room setting."



# Medicare & Medicaid Incentives

- Medicare professionals incentives:
  - CY 2011 - 2018
- Medicare hospitals incentives:
  - FY 2011 - 2017
- Medicaid professionals and Medicaid hospitals:
  - expected to begin 2011 and cannot extend beyond 2021



# Grants Status

## Health Information Exchange Grant

- \$10.583 M awarded over four years
- Planning phase to be completed by September
  - Requires creation and submission of the State HIE Plan
  - Once approved by ONC, will begin implementation
- Approach: Identify and leverage existing investments and efforts as much as possible to align with State Plan



# Grants Status

## Regional Extension Center Grant

- \$6.2 M awarded four years
- To assist 1100 primary care providers in LA
  - Workflow assessment
  - EHR selection
  - IT support
  - Achievement of meaningful use/incentive payments



# Grants Status

## Supplemental Regional Extension Center Grant

- Available only to Regional Extension Centers
- Will enable health IT support services to critical-access and rural hospitals with 50 beds or fewer
- Application due April 30<sup>th</sup>



# Grants Status

## Workforce Development Grants

- Delgado Community College part of a \$10.9 M grant to establish HIT education programs
  - Practice workflow and information management redesign specialist
  - Clinician/practitioner consultant
  - Implementation support specialist
  - Implementation manager
  - Technical/software support staff
  - Trainer



# Grants Status

## Broadband and Telemedicine Grants

### Round 1:

- \$80.5 M awarded to LONI for infrastructure development in the Delta Parishes
- \$8.8 M awarded to the State Library
  - >760 computer workstations to every library
  - enabling the system at large to serve an additional 42,000 computer users per week
  - four mobile computer labs to provide enhanced training opportunities



# Grants Status

## Broadband and Telemedicine Grants

### Round 2:

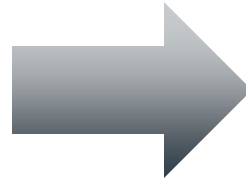
- Application submitted to offer basic internet usage training as well as health related, internet-based training in each of the state library locations as well as community colleges



# What does it all mean?

Louisiana now has substantial resources to enable the changes needed in health care

- Coordinated care
- Quality measurement
- Quality improvement
- Decreased costs



**IMPROVED  
PATIENT CARE**

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# Next Steps

Contact the Quality Forum if you have any questions about the ARRA grants

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**Questions?**