

## **IHOC Update for the OCS HIT Steering Meeting on 4/18/2014**

Improving Health Outcomes for Children (IHOC) recently started its fifth and final year. Funding provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for this Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) quality improvement demonstration continues through February 2015. Final grant year wrap-up activities include an effort to both identify and communicate lessons learned and recommendations for next steps. IHOC continues to welcome input from this HIT Steering Committee in regards to identifying what information this committee and other stakeholders would like to have about IHOC prior to the completion of the project. Most IHOC HIT activities fall into the following two areas:

- **Measure Calculation:** HIT support for IHOC includes activities related to A) enhancing the functionality of the Maine Immunization registry system (ImmPact) and B) testing the potential for measure calculation using clinical data available through the Health Information Exchange maintained by HealthInfoNet. Testing includes a subset of CHIPRA Core Measures and other pediatric measures identified through IHOC activities as clinically important. ImmPact related changes funded through IHOC enable medical providers to report on two CHIPRA immunization measures and one other immunization measure and support efforts to improve immunization rates. Recent activities with the Health Information Exchange include testing the calculation of a MaineCare specific measure. Planning for final Grant Year 5 activities is underway.
- **Secure Document Exchange:** HIT support for IHOC also includes activities related to testing the use of the Health Information Exchange to support secure exchange and access to the Comprehensive Health Assessment, a medical document related to children in Foster Care. IHOC is developing and testing workflows that would enable the Comprehensive Health Assessment to be made available to primary care physicians through the Health Information Exchange. Recent activities include collaboration with the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), Maine General's Pediatric Rapid Evaluation Program (PREP) and HealthInfoNet to develop and document the workflows to be tested and validated as part of IHOC. Recommendations and next steps will be identified as part of the wrap-up activities.