



## Pennsylvania

Number (Percent) of Responding Health Centers\*: 24 (83%)

### Acquisition and Use of Electronic Health Information

Percent reporting that they **submit claims electronically**:

- 100% Yes
- 0% No
- 0% Don't Know

Percent reporting that they **use Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)**:

- 8% Yes, all electronic
- 4% Yes, part paper and part electronic
- 88% No

Percent reporting that they **plan to install a new EMR system or replace the current system** within the next 3 years:

- 57% Yes
- 17% No
- 22% Maybe
- 4% Don't Know

Percent reporting that have **more than one primary care delivery site**: 83%

Of these, percent reporting the capacity their other sites have on average:

- Less capacity than primary site: 25%
- About the same capacity: 75%
- Greater capacity: 0%

Percent reporting that they maintain any **disease-specific patient registries** (e.g., depression, diabetes, asthma): 75%

Percent reporting that they maintain any patient registries as part of HRSA's **Health Disparities Collaboratives**: 74%

### Barriers to Adopting Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)

Respondents Rate the <b>Importance of Select Barriers</b> to Implementing an EMR at Their Health Center	<b>Not at all Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
Unable to integrate the EMR with practice's billing/claims submission system	9%	13%	30%	48%
Added value of EMR does not justify investment	35%	22%	39%	4%
Lack of capital to invest in EMR	0%	9%	22%	70%
Lack of support from physicians	22%	39%	17%	22%
Lack of support from non-physician providers	36%	32%	23%	9%
Inability to evaluate, compare, and select the appropriate EMR system	41%	18%	18%	23%
Currently available software does not meet the health center's needs	17%	26%	26%	30%
Concern about loss of productivity or income during transition to the EMR system	4%	30%	43%	22%

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### Health Information Technology Planning & Staffing

Percent reporting that they have a **dedicated health information technology staff person or Chief Information Officer**:

46% Yes  
54% No  
0% Don't Know

Percent reporting that they utilize the following **additional information systems** or computer support staff:<sup>^</sup>

A network: 21%  
Contractual arrangements: 29%  
Larger organizational structure:<sup>#</sup> 8%  
None of the above: 50%

Reported role of <b>health center's governing board</b> in implementing an EMR: <sup>^</sup>	Percent Reporting
Approved a budget for implementation of an EMR	38%
Approved/ assisted with the development of a strategic plan for health IT/EMR	33%
Established a board workgroup on health center information technology issues	4%
Identified or approved network partners for HIT	0%
Had/has one or more representatives serving on a regional health information organization (RHIO) or similar health information technology organization <sup>†</sup>	4%
Initiated efforts to highlight health information technology adoption at the health center	8%

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#### About the 2006 Survey of Health Center Use of Electronic Health Information

The National Association of Community Health Centers, Harvard Medical School/MGH, and George Washington University conducted and funded this survey, with additional survey assistance from faculty at Yale University. Executive Directors of all federally-funded health centers in 2004 (N=914) received the survey by mail and email, and data were collected from March through May 2006. National response rate is 79.5%. Data in this fact sheet are based on available responses. The maximum percent of responses nationwide that were missing for questions on barriers was 6.9%, and 1.7% for any other question. The final report is forthcoming. For more information, email [healthit@nachc.com](mailto:healthit@nachc.com).

Note: Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

\* Based on the number of federally-funded health centers in 2004. For more recent information, see [www.nachc.com/research/ssbysdat.asp](http://www.nachc.com/research/ssbysdat.asp).

<sup>^</sup> Health centers may select all that apply and therefore responses do not total 100%.

<sup>#</sup> I.e., affiliate medical center, university, or health department.

<sup>†</sup> In some states, the Primary Care Association may be an active participant in a RHIO or state-wide initiative promoting health information exchange.