



EHR BULLETIN

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The EHR Team and Project Workgroup have been working with eClinicalWorks (eCW) on the Tufts Medical Center/NEQCA Master contract and we are still on track to finalize and sign the contract the week of September 29th. This Master eCW contract stipulates the functionality we are purchasing, the terms and warranties, pricing for the application and describes the range of services we might require from eCW during the course of your implementation.

Once the Master eCW contract is signed, NEQCA will be developing individual Physician Agreements that each practice will sign once they are ready to implement eCW. These individual agreements will convey most of the elements of the Master Agreement but then go into much greater detail about the services you will receive during the implementation, explain the schedule for those services, and define a budget for your implementation. This Physician Agreement also extends beyond implementation to address transition services as your practice “goes live” and then the transition to support once the implementation is complete.

Some practices may have unique practice-specific circumstances that we will also address in this Physician Agreement such as conversion of data from old EHR systems, interfaces with your practice management system (PM) (should you choose to keep your current system instead of using the eCW PM), and the conversion of prescription data from your current e-prescribing system, such as DrFirst or Pocketscripts, into the eCW e-prescribing application.

There are many details to cover as we prepare for your implementation and we expect and encourage you to ask questions. We are trying to make this as easy as possible for you so we will be ready with product demonstrations at the Fall Forum. We are also scheduling informational meetings for each Pod, which includes times here NEQCA Central in Braintree where providers, office managers, and staff can attend to ask questions and gather more information.

If you have questions before these meetings, please feel free to contact Lisa Reed (lreed@neqca.org) or Paul Quigley (pquigley@neqca.org) at NEQCA 781.356.3336.