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QSource named Tennessee Regional Extension Center

MEMPHIS — QSource has been selected by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) as the Regional Extension Center (REC) for Tennessee, one of 70 such entities created to provide robust local technical assistance in effectively implementing electronic health records (EHRs) and associated healthcare quality improvement.

“This is a great opportunity for providers to have resources available to them to assist them with implementing health information technology (HIT) in their practice,” said Jennifer McAnally, REC director. “We look forward to offering our services to new providers needing our assistance while continuing our relationship with those we’ve assisted previously with HIT.”

As the REC for Tennessee, QSource will provide workforce development-training, group purchasing of EHRs, onsite technical assistance, office workflow redesign, health information exchange (HIE) interoperability, privacy and security training and progress towards the “meaningful use” of EHRs.

QSource will deliver the REC’s offerings statewide with the support of the State of Tennessee and state Medical Association, Hospital Association, Primary Care Association, Health Information Management Association, Rural Health Centers, Health Information Organizations and many, many other stakeholders and community partners.

Through a network of trained HIT implementation specialists within local communities, QSource will attempt to reach those communities most in need for HIT adoption support and will serve a minimum of 1,000 practices in the first two years of the REC program.

While significant federal funding for the program exists in the first two years, it is expected that the REC program will ultimately develop a sustainable business model for the provision of HIT adoption assistance. Much of the cost of provider assistance will be offset through negotiated vendor fees, and additional REC supported activities funded through state and federal initiatives.

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“QSource has been working with healthcare providers offices for almost four decades,” said Dawn FitzGerald, Chief Executive Office. “We look forward to expanding our services and support to our provider community and we are confident that they will receive measurable value from our services.”

For more information regarding the REC program, please contact Jennifer McAnally at jmcanally@qsource.org or 800.528.2655. Visit the QSource website at www.qsource.org for official fact sheets and more details about the REC.

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QSource is a healthcare consulting organization that holds the Tennessee’s Medicare quality improvement organization contract. Under a contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the organization provides healthcare quality improvement collaborative opportunities for the providers, practitioners, and managed care plans that care for approximately one million Medicare beneficiaries in Tennessee. QSource has offices in Memphis, Nashville and Little Rock, Ark.