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### **NIHB MILESTONE 1 COMPLETED**

#### **2,700 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SIGN-UP IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

Washington, DC September 17, 2012 – The National Indian Health Board has completed [Milestone 1](#) for Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records as mandated by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Regional Extension Center (REC) is the only national extension center; operating in 35 states. NIHB has now achieved its Milestone 1 goal to reach 2,700 Primary Care Providers serving Indian facilities across the nation. This ambitious goal was actualized through the combined efforts of NIHB and all of its REC partner organizations including Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) and key partner The Indian Health Service (IHS). This committed partnership contacted 559 health care facilities to engage 2,700 providers in the mission to effectively enact Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (EHR).

NIHB also continues to take positive steps towards reaching Milestones 2 & 3. Visit the NIHB website <http://www.nihb.org/hitech/> for the latest info and key contact information.



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