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Thomas Novak is pleased to be the Medicaid HITECH lead for CMS Regions I, II & III (New England, CT, NY, and NJ, all Mid-Atlantic States including DC, as well as Puerto Rico and USVI). In this role, Thomas reviews the State Medicaid Health IT Plans and funding documents; and advises the state Medicaid plans on best practices for program design, regulatory compliance, and appropriate cost allocations. In support of the national Medicaid HITECH team Thomas Novak serves as a subject matter expert on quality indicators; children's health issues (e.g., children's hospitals and the model pediatric EHR format under development) as well as various aspects of HITECH eligibility policy.

He has over 10 years experience with public payers with the majority of his experience focused on the intersection of Health IT and Quality Improvement. He spent 4 years with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; first at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy supporting the Uncompensated Care Pool and then with MassHealth Medicaid supporting the provider community on implementing HIPAA compliant transactions and code sets. Following that, Thomas spent 4 years with Health Partners of Philadelphia (Medicare/Medicaid MCO) helping to coordinate the plan's 3rd consecutive Excellent rating from the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and later; managing the plan's leased networks for dental, vision and laboratory services. Prior to his current role, Thomas was the first Director of Quality Assurance for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin where he built an agency-wide quality improvement plan and oversaw the agency's recognition as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home by NCQA. He has also completed graduate coursework in Bioethics, Performance Management and Social Policy Analysis at the University of Pennsylvania. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife Megan, an attending physician in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children's Hospital o