Health Information Technology (HIT) such as electronic health records and patient portals, are vital tools to ensure care is available, affordable and sustainable for the community.

Alliant Quality, the QIN-QIO (Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization) for Georgia and North Carolina, is collaborating with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) in North Carolina and other partners to provide physicians with strategies to improve coordination of care for patients living with many chronic medical conditions.

Eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, along with patients and families, community organizations, and HIT stakeholders are invited to join efforts in a learning and action network (LAN). The goal of the network is to educate providers and increase participation in Medicaid and Medicare EHR Incentive Programs, promote patient empowerment in HIT, and reduce HIT disparities in underserved communities.

Alliant Quality offers the following free services to LAN members:

- Assistance in satisfying the clinical quality measures reporting requirements for the EHR Meaningful Use Incentive Program
- Training on care management features of your EHR (i.e., alerts, recalls, reminders)
- QI coaching on proper documentation and improvement of preventive care screenings
- Assistance with PQRS and Value Based Modifier program requirements
- Networking with other organizations via a listserv and learning and action network (LAN)
- Unlimited access to patient and provider tools and resources, including webinars and face to face conferences
- Peer-to-Peer Coaching
- Methods to improve Physician and Hospital Compare ratings based on PQRS (Physician Quality Reporting System)