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Thank you for signing up for our newsletter and Happy Holidays!

This is an extension of our website to bring you updated information on the impact of the health care portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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This month we will be adding more Webinars to our EHR Adoption series. Topics will include:

- EHR Adoption Implementation: A Physician's Viewpoint**
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- Impact of EHR Adoption on Web Portals**
- How to Address Data Security with New HIPAA rules**

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- Is Your Data Center Ready for EHR Adoption?**
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Read the "**Waiting Room**" posts on what's on the horizon for the coming week. Read the "**Recovery Room**" posts on recent events of interest.



What's been happening?

1. Newly formed HIT Standards Implementation Workgroup with its chair, Aneesh Chopra, held a public hearing on adoption experiences.
2. Governor Bill Richardson appointed the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC), as the state's official health information exchange (HIE).
3. Thomson Reuters publishes a white paper reporting U.S. healthcare system wastes between \$600 billion and \$850 billion annually.
4. The Drummond Group announced interest in expanding its services to include certification of EHR systems.
5. Dr. Mark Leavitt, chairman of CCHIT announced he will retire in March.
6. CMS announces its plans for more data sharing among Medicaid agencies.
7. ONC awarded the Nitor Group the bridge contract to continue work at the NHIN.
8. Health Level Seven (HL7) announced it has published health care's first ANSI approved standard that specifies the functional requirements for regulated clinical research in an electronic health record system.
9. The Standards Committee met on November 19th this month.
10. Dr. David Blumenthal's new blog "Health IT Buzz" debuted this past Monday on November 23rd.

Department of Health and Human Services

HIT Policy Committee.


Keep up to date on Meaningful Use by [visiting our page](#) devoted to "meaningful use".

There was no November meeting, the next meeting will be on December 15th.



HIT Standards Committee

The December meeting is scheduled for December 18th



Stay informed on these committees and get the links for committee recommendations, meeting agendas, materials, and how to participate on our [Committee page](#). Read the [FAC Blog](#) and Blumenthal's new Blog [Health IT Buzz](#).

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