



# The Pulse

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## Subscribers Corner

Welcome to all new subscribers!

***In Production now,***  
incentives for eligible professionals and updates to Final Rules!

Haven't viewed our latest webinar yet? Get to know the answers to the 20 questions physicians and EPs are asking about HITECH and EHR adoption.

***For the geek in you...*** visit the newest library wing on **Standards.** Learn about the Standards that will be adopted in the final rules.

Login on the [HITECH Answers site](#) to start viewing.



## HITECHAnswers



Thank you for signing up for our newsletter!

This is an extension of our website to bring you updated information on the HITECH Act and EHR adoption and implementation.

We continue to get inquiries about the release date of the Final Rules. Fierce EMR reported on July 1st an anticipated release date of on or before July 14th. You can read the latest news about Meaningful Use in our [MU news section](#).

We'll be recording a new series of webinars detailing the Final Rules and what will be your next steps in meeting meaningful use as soon as they are released.

We also introduced a new expert contributor, [Dr. William Hersh](#). Dr. Hersh is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology in the School of Medicine at [Oregon Health & Science University](#) in Portland, Oregon. He is a leader and innovator in biomedical informatics both in education and research and will be contributing regularly to our HITECH Updates blog. You can read his [first post here](#).

Finally, as always, we welcome all suggestions for webinar topics. If there is a topic we're missing that is of interest, please let us know!

## Keeping Up

## Download Tools

Brought to you by our partners at Software Advice, check out these [7 Tools](#) to help you get started on the right track.

Brought to you by our partners at Data Mountain, download this [Backup and Recovery checklist](#).

## Friday at Five

Check out our new posts every [Friday at Five](#). We will share our top 5 favorites of the week. From tweets to quotes, what and who are in or out, it can be anything in our HIT world.

## HITECH e-Store

Coming in July...our HITECH e-Store! We're answering the need for more workflow tools and manuals to support EHR implementation.

## Quick Links

[Visitor Page](#)

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[MD-to-MD](#)

## HITECH Updates

Visit [HITECH Updates](#) to read full posts on what happened in June.

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. CMS launches its web pages on EHR Incentive Programs in their Regulations and Guidance section.
2. IFR for Temporary EHR Certification were released on June 18th.
3. The Policy committee's MU workgroup held a public hearing on June 4th focusing on how meaningful use of HIT solutions can help reduce disparities.
4. ONC's newest feature of their website, Health IT Journey, stories from the road is compiling stories of EHR adoption to share.
5. Northrop Grumman Corp of Reston VA will design, develop, implement, and maintain the software for the National Level Repository.
6. Companion Data Services was selected by CMS to provide the data processing and hosting operations for the National Level Repository.
7. Chicago based Allscripts-Misys Healthcare Solutions will take over Eclipsys for \$1.3 billion in stock.
8. National Health IT Week took place in Washington DC on June 14-18.
9. The US Economic Development Administration (EDA), and the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation bring you the i6 Challenge, winners will receive \$1 million.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Proposed Rules Released

Proposed rules were released on December 30, 2009. Public comment period closed on March 15th. On July 6th the rules were sent to the OMB for review. This review is a required procedure before publication of rules.



ONC website's [calendar view](#) of all the committee and workgroup meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

### HIT Policy Committee.

[EMR vs EHR](#)

[HIE vs HIO](#)

- The next meeting is Friday, July 21.
- [Visit our committee page](#) for current information on the committee and its workgroups.

### **HIT Standards Committee.**

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 28.
- [Visit our committee page](#) for current information on the committee and its workgroups.

### **ONC**

- Read Dr. David Blumenthal's blog [The Buzz](#).
- Read Dr. David Blumenthal's [ONC Updates](#) .