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Upcoming May Webinars

As a subscriber, you are invited to attend the live recordings of all our webinars and ask questions at the end of the presentation.

May Topics:

HITECH Requirement for

May/2009

HITECHAnswers

Providing information on the HEALTHCARE STIMULUS PLAN



Thank you for signing up for our newsletter.

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.

Keeping Up

Did you know?

- CCHIT standards will likely be adopted by the HITECH Act?
- The old CCR and CDA has become CCD now?
- If your EMR/EHR system does not have ICE capabilities through HIEs, you will not qualify for the ARRA incentives or rewards?
- Who the CBOs are in your area?
- HHS will adopt EHR standards by the end of 2009?



Where is your information coming from?

Your window of opportunity to learn and take advantages of the incentives outlined in the Health Care Stimulus bill is about nine to twelve months. If all of your information is coming from EHR vendors or insurance companies, are you getting "the rest of the story"? Our independent approach and research on this issue will give you that "story". [View the first part of our 4 part series](#) to start you on the right track in your information gathering on the HITECH Act, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Webinars-on-Demand

Four Part Series on the Health Care Stimulus

a Connected Community

DRT Enabled EHRs - the pre-requisite for EHR adoption and obtaining the "meaningful use" HITECH requirement

What data should be exchanged to meet the HITECH Connected Community Requirements?

Which EHR vendors are best suited to meet the HITECH requirements - a detailed viewpoint

Resource Links

[HITECHAnswers Resources](#)

[Recovery.gov](#)

[HHS](#)

[HealthReform.gov](#)

Our 4 part introductory webinar series was recorded in April. As a subscriber you are invited to view all past webinars in [our library](#).

Part I - What is the HITECH Stimulus Plan?

Part II - How to Qualify for the HITECH Stimulus Plan.

Part III - Which EHR Vendors are Expected to Qualify for the Stimulus.

Part IV - Community Data Exchange Required Under the Stimulus Plan.

[Read the full description on the series and view Part I.](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius confirmed as Secretary of HHS.



Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Tuesday, April 29, 2009. The Secretary governs one of the largest civilian departments in the federal government with more than 67,000 employees. HHS is the principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans by providing effective health and human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

"It is an honor to lead the Department of Health and Human Services and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at such a pivotal moment in our history. I come to the Department as our nation confronts a serious public health challenge, the 2009 flu outbreak. My heart goes out to the families across the country and around the world who are feeling the impact of this health crisis.

Blumenthal Named Head of ONC

David Blumenthal, MD, MPP from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School was named the national coordinator for health information technology. Dr. Blumenthal recently served as a senior health adviser to the Obama presidential campaign.

"I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve President Obama and the American people in the effort to harness the power of health information technology to modernize our health care system," said Dr. Blumenthal. "As a primary care physician who has used an electronic record to care for patients every day for 10 years, I understand the enormous potential of this technology. President Obama has laid out a vision of health reform that is both inspiring and long overdue. We cannot make that vision a reality without the help of our most advanced computer technology."

Dr. Blumenthal will lead the efforts of \$19 billion in funding to modernize the health care system with the adoption of health information technology which is estimated to save the federal government \$12 billion over the next 10 years.

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