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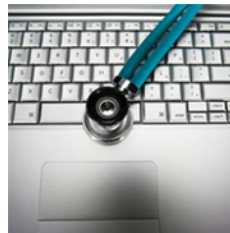
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Each month as we add webinars, white papers, and features, the subscription price will increase. The earlier you subscribe the more you will save. Subscriptions run through January 2010. August's monthly subscription will be \$28/month or you can purchase the six month subscription for \$120, a \$48 savings.

For our subscribers: thank you for all the suggestions on what you would like to know and how the subscriber pages can help.

We've made some changes to the HITECH Answers website. Summaries and links to our HITECH Update posts are now on the Home Page. Our navigation tabs also reflect pages that are constantly updated so check back regularly to see what's new.

Keeping Up

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

Read the "**Waiting Room**" post each week on what's on the horizon for the week.



What's been happening?

1. HIT Policy Committee met on July 16. The committee approved recommendations from the Meaningful Use workgroup.
2. HIT Standards Committee met on July 21st, all workgroups gave update presentations.
3. The eHealth Initiative's 2009 Sixth Annual Survey results were released on July 22nd.
4. The 17th Annual Health Forum /AHA Leadership Summit was held in San Francisco on the 23rd-25th.
5. The FOSS (Free and Open Source Software) Healthcare Unconference met in Houston on the 31st.

Read the full stories and get links on our [HITECH Updates page](#).

Department of Health and Human Services

HIT Policy Committee.

Meaningful Use recommendations were adopted by the committee at the July meeting. For details and links [visit our page](#) devoted to "meaningful use".



The August meeting will be on the 14th. Look for attention to be on the revised recommendations from the Certification and Adoption workgroup. Read our post on the last meeting and recommendations from the workgroup, "[More than Just Meaningful Use](#)".

HIT Standards Committee

The August meeting will be on the 20th. All meetings are public and you can participate over the web.

Stay informed on these committees and get the links for meeting agendas, materials, and how to participate, visit our site [here](#).