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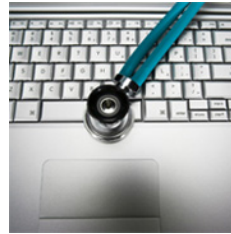
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# HITECHAnswers



Happy New Year and 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. Each month as we add webinars, white papers, and features, the subscription price will increase. The earlier you subscribe the more you will save. All new subscriptions will run through January of 2011 and the current price is a one-time cost of \$195.

[View](#) a brief webinar-on-demand on what is included in a subscription to HITECH Answers.

To our subscribers: thank you for your suggestions on what you'd like to know and how the subscriber pages can help. We're always happy to hear from you.

December was a busy month with plenty of HITECH Updates posted and three new webinars added to our subscribers library. [Meet the experts](#) who presented these webinars:

Dr. Nick van Terheyden, Chief Medical Officer of [M\\*Modal](#) & [Health Story Project](#)

Alex Zaltsman, CEO of [Exporior Data](#) and a data encryption expert

Roger Ramsey, co-founder of [HITECH Data Centers](#), an IT facilities specialist

Going into 2010, we'll continue to add 2-3 new webinars from independent experts.

## Keeping Up

### HITECH Updates

Visit [HITECH Updates](#) to read full posts on what happened in December or read our top 5 most popular posts of 2009:

5. [Rural and Community Hospitals](#)
4. [Selecting an EHR - Getting down to basics](#)
3. [The Beacon Community Program](#)
2. [Initial 2011 CCHIT/ARRA Certifications Announced](#)



And our #1 post of 2009 is...

1. [Rules and Regulations Released](#)

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. The proposed rules on standards and certification along with the CMS rules on payment incentive were released on December 30th.
2. HIT Policy committee introduces 3 new workgroups.
3. New HIT Policy committee NHIN workgroup hold public hearing.
4. ONC will announce the first 40 awards for the Regional Extension

## Subscribers Corner

Welcome to all new subscribers!

### New Webinars Added:

*Small Private Practices and EHR Adoption, where to begin.*

*Is Your Data Center Ready for EHR Adoption?*

*The underlying infrastructure to the success of EHRs*

*New HIPAA Regulations and the Impact on Data Security*

### New Resources Added:

*Certification Watch - Keep up to date on what EHR products are currently certified.*

If you've lost your password, please e-mail: [info@HITECHAnswers.com](mailto:info@HITECHAnswers.com)

## Learn about our Site

Want to learn more about what webinars are and about our site? Watch our [HITECH Answers Overview webinar](#).

You will get the full experience of a webinar and see a tour of the subscriber's only pages.

See for yourself how a subscription to [HITECHAnswers](#) can help

you and your staff make the right choices when it comes to EHR adoption.

The cost of \$195 gives you access for 13 months of updated resources. This is less than the cost of one seminar for one person on one topic.

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Centers in January.

5. HHS announces \$235 million for the Beacon Community Program to support HIT infrastructure and HIE capabilities.
6. HIT Policy and Standards committees met in December.
7. ONC announces \$60 million for the development of the Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) program.
8. CCHIT announces first certified products under their new certifications.
9. ONC and HHS announced two additional grant programs to support the training and development of the skilled workforce required to support broad adoption and use of health IT.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Proposed Rules Released

Proposed rules were released on December 30, 2009. Start [here](#) to view the rules. Public comment is now open for 60 days.



### HIT Policy Committee.

- Keep up to date on Meaningful Use by [visiting our page](#) devoted to "meaningful use".
- For details on the December meeting read our post, [December HIT Meetings](#).
- The next meeting will be January 13, 2010.

### HIT Standards Committee

- Details on the December Standards meeting are also in our post, [December HIT Meetings](#).
- The next meeting will be January 20, 2010.

### ONC

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

### HITECH Grants

For more information check out the HITECH Funding Opportunities page on the [HealthIT website](#).