



# The Pulse

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## Subscribers Corner

Welcome to all new subscribers!

All subscriptions are good through January of 2011. For all subscribers prior to January 1, 2010, your subscription has been automatically renewed free of charge. Thank you for your early interest in our resources. You should have received a new login user name and password. If you did not, please contact us at [info@hitechanswers.com](mailto:info@hitechanswers.com).

### New Webinars Series: "Issued Rules"

This series will overview and highlight the ONC Interim Final Rule and the CMS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in December and are currently in public comment periods.

Look for a new webinar in the series every



# HITECHAnswers



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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 to premium content on our web site will increase.

You still have **TWO MORE DAYS** to get a subscription to HITECH Answers at the lowest price of the year - \$245. Subscribe by 5 pm EST on March 2nd and save \$40 over the March price of \$285.

Our price increases each month as we add new webinars and resources so the earlier you subscribe in the calendar year the more you save. All new subscriptions run through January of 2011. We currently have 19 webinars in our expanding library available to subscribers for viewing. You can review the current content in our library [here](#).

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.

## Keeping Up

### HITECH Updates

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

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 ONC and CMS rules are still in public review until March 15th.
2. The HIT Policy Committee met on February 17

Monday for the next several weeks. These first 3 webinars are available on demand in the Rules Updates library.

### ***Quest for EHR Adoption***

### ***CMS NPRM Overview***

### ***ONC IFR Overview***

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3. The HIT Standards Committee met on February 24th.
4. REC \$375,173,281 awards announced.
5. HIE grants totaling \$385,978,64 were awarded
6. Job Training grants totaling \$226,929,446 were awarded.
7. CCHIT release new test scripts.
8. Breach notifications have been posted.

## **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 until March 15th.



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

### **HIT Policy Committee.**

- The next meeting is March 17.
- [Visit our committee page](#) for current information on the committee and its workgroups.
- Committee workgroups now have pages on the ONC website.

### **HIT Standards Committee**

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### **ONC**

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

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

### **HITECH Grants**

- Nearly \$1 billion in grants were awarded this month.
- For more information check out the HITECH Funding Opportunities page on the [HealthIT website](#).