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Welcome to all new subscribers!

The first 4 webinars in our newest webinar series on the Proposed Rules are available on demand.

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CMS Incentives for Eligible Providers

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

Take Our Survey

Please help us improve our site! Take this [1 minute survey](#).

HITECH e-Store

Coming soon...our HITECH e-Store! We're answering the need for more workflow tools and



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.

March 2010 saw a continuation of our webinar series on the Proposed Rules with the addition of our webinar on **CMS incentives for eligible providers**. In April we will be recording webinars on the following topics:

- **CMS incentives for hospitals**
- **20 key questions health care providers will be asking**
- **HIPAA: How to determine if you are a BA or a CE**

We will also be reporting through our HITECH Updates e-mail alerts the release of the final Proposed Rules and any significant changes made from the public comment period.

You can review the current premium content in various wings of our library [here](#).

This past month we also conducted a survey - thank you to all who participated. We got some great feedback that we will be incorporating into the site over the next two months.

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

manuals to support EHR implementation.

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We have almost 500 members - get in on the conversation, check out posted articles.

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HITECH Updates

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

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 HIMSS conference in Atlanta started March out with a bang and Blumenthal was a keynote speaker.
2. ONC issued NPRM on Certification Program rules.
3. CCHIT suspends stage 1 testing and waits for final rules.
4. Texas based Drummond Group looks like they will apply to compete with CCHIT for system certification business.
5. Millions more have been awarded in HIE grants.
6. Public comment for the ONC IFR and the CMS NPRM ended on March 15th. Final rules are expected soon.

Department of Health and Human Services

Proposed Rules Released

Proposed rules were released on December 30, 2009. Public comment period closed on March 15th and it is anticipated the final rules will be released sometime in April. [Read](#) what the comments are saying.



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 Monday, April 5th.
- [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.

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 28th.
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ONC

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

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



HITECH Grants

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