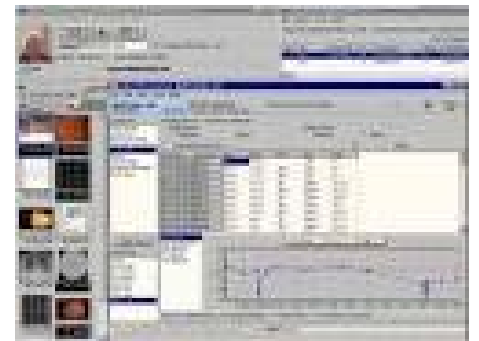


Clearing the Air on EHRs and Meaningful Use

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What We Will Do Today

- ✓ Explain what the CMS EHR Incentive Program is and how it was created
- ✓ List the entities that qualify for EHR incentive payments
- ✓ Describe the process CMS is using to implement the EHR incentive program and meaningful use “stages”
- ✓ Explain the current status of the CMS EHR incentive program

Where Did It Come From?

“We believe the greatest opportunity for IT to add value and streamline healthcare system processes in in the connectivity area.”

Raymond James Associates, Inc. May 1999
E-Health.com Industry Report

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- 2003 Medicare Modernization Act and Medicare Part D with e-prescribing initiative and MTM
- 2003: IOM endorses National Health Information Infrastructure
- 2004: President Bush creates National Coordinator for HIT
 - "We will make wider use of electronic records and other health information technology to help control costs and reduce dangerous medical errors."
-- President Bush, January 31, 2006
- 2009: The Health Information Technology for Economical and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)---"got the train on the track
- Allowed the CMS to offer financial motivation to providers who become meaningful users of EHRs.

ARRA/HITECH

- Invests \$49 billion to expand the use of HIT, \$592 million for HIE
- It is estimated that 90% adoption will result in a savings to the health care system of 10% –15%
- Reimbursement for HIT implementation will be based upon “Meaningful Use”
 - Use of government certified technology
 - Use in ways that promote safety and quality
 - Consistent reporting of data from the practice
- HHS goal for physician use of EHRs in 2012 is 40%
- Full adoption of a basic EHR system by physicians was 16% in 2008, and rose to 25% in 2010. More than half said they were going to seek MU incentives in 2011.

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- ACOs, Medical Homes, Coordinated Care
- Incentives for health promotion/prevention
- Structural changes in health care delivery that will have to be supported by EHRs and HIT
 - Clinical quality measures
 - Clinical decision support
 - Advanced reporting practices
 - Data for comparative effectiveness research
 - Health promotion efforts

Purpose

“The EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments for certain healthcare providers to use EHR technology in ways that can positively impact patient care.”

