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HHS contributes an additional \$267 million to 28 not-for-profit organizations for the establishment of HIT Regional Extension Centers (REC)

The RECs will serve as a resource for physicians; providing information, technical guidance and assistance with the overall goal of improving the quality and efficiency of healthcare. The centers will support practitioners in their journey to becoming “meaningful users”.

An additional 32 organizations received \$375 million in grants in February 2010. Both groups of grant award recipients are now eligible to apply for a two-year “expansion supplemental award”. The supplemental awards will support rural and critical access hospitals with a maximum of 50 beds by making sure they receive health IT support services.

[View the complete list of the REC grant award recipients >>](#)

Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) IFR on controlled substance e-Prescribing is pushing vendors to take a closer look

The DEA’s recent release of the interim final rule for electronic prescribing of controlled substances is causing a stir in the healthcare community. The IFR, which expands upon preliminary requirements such as the range of acceptable authentication methods, identity proofing methods, and more, is forcing vendors like Surescripts to closely review the rule and understand the potential system requirements.

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Register for TODAY'S webinar on e-Prescribing:

Collaborative Health IT "CHIT CHAT" **April 21, 2010 | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. CST**

e-Prescribing: A prescription for adoption

e-Prescribing is proven to improve patient safety, reduce medication costs, and decrease errors. With the onset of the HITECH Act and “meaningful use” incentives tied to electronic medication management. This webinar will help facilities:



- Select systems
- Evaluate workflow
- Manage complex relationships
- Avoid traditional pitfalls



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