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HHS has a series of proposed rules scheduled for 2010 release

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be releasing a series of proposed rules in the upcoming months. Dates to be aware of:

- In May, HHS will publish a proposed rule to revise the HIPAA privacy and security rules
- In October, HHS will release a proposed to address the electronic submission of clinical trials data.
- In December, HHS will release a proposed rule for the development of a unique identification system for medical devices

It is important to check the [HHS website](#) regularly for updates and changes as proposed release dates may not be met, like the February 2010 deadline for privacy and security guidance, still yet to be released. In the interim, we encourage you to review the HHS semi-annual regulatory agenda. The most recent agenda was issued April 26 and is available for viewing at the [Federal Register](#).

To learn more, read the article at [Health Data Management](#).

Dr. Donald Berwick nominated as administrator of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)

On April 19th, President Obama submitted Dr. Donald Berwick, current president/CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, for administrator of CMS. Dr. Berwick is strongly focus on quality measures, quality of care and evidence-based medicine signals and has received numerous awards for his

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efforts. If elected by the Senate, Berwick will be in place to lead the roll-out of the new healthcare reform law.

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CMS comments on President Obama's healthcare reform plan

Richard Foster, chief actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), commented that the healthcare reform plan will decrease the number of uninsured Americans by half, while increasing healthcare spending to almost \$311 billion dollars by 2019. This rise in spending will come as a result of newly covered individuals making more doctors visits, lower fees charged by healthcare providers to those covered under Medicaid, and smaller payments for Medicare services.

[Read the full memorandum submitted by Foster >>](#)

[Read the article at healthimaging.com >>](#)

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