

If this message is not displaying properly, [click here](#) to view in your browser.



NEWS BRIEF | 07.01.10

Temporary EHR Certification Final Rule Published

The EHR Temporary Certification Final Rule was published to the Federal Register on June 24th, and even though the electronic health records certification currently in development will only be enforced for 18 months, EHR certifiers should still brace themselves for a heavy workload ahead. The ONC compiled approximate estimates of EHRs that will need testing and certification:

- 93 commercial and open source Complete EHRs
- 50 EHR modules
- Any practices with self-developed EHRs

[View the Federal Register Final Rule >>](#)

[Read the full story >>](#)

Online platforms: Catch the fever

More and more doctors are choosing to implement online platforms within their practices. Online platforms give doctors the ability to exchange data seamlessly with other medical practices and provide superior medical care to patients.

Join OHITX

[Become a member](#) of OHITX today! Many membership categories are still complimentary!



Get LinkedIn

Collaborate with healthcare IT peers in the U.S. and abroad. Participate in the [OHITX LinkedIn site](#). Join a group and start a discussion today.

CONTACT OHITX

Colleen Sauter
763.230.1245
csauter@ohitx.org

Online platforms allow doctors to:

- Reduce costs
- Side step being locked into using a specific vendor based on the other practices that they share information with
- Avoid many of the headaches that are associated with on-site data storage systems, i.e. server maintenance, data recovery and backup
- Become more connected with the patient through greater access to Web-based tools
- Promote health education and make patients feel involved in their medical care

[Read the full story >>](#)

HHS looks for ways to include safety net providers in quality incentive programs

Recently, attempts have been made to shift the reimbursement structure away from paying providers based on the amount of services they provide, and towards paying providers based on the quality and efficiency of care that they deliver. These attempts are part of a bigger plan to make quality incentives available to all practices, no matter their size.

Due to their unique payment methods, many safety net providers do not currently qualify for quality incentives. The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) would like to change this and make current healthcare quality incentives for government and commercial payers applicable to federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and free clinics.

HHS must report back to Congress in February 2011.

[View the Federal Business Opportunities notice >>](#)

[Read the full story at govhealthit.com >>](#)

Open Health IT Exchange (OHITX)
5500 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Phone: 763.230.1255
Fax: 952.230.9002
info@ohitx.org

© 2010 Open Health IT Exchange. All rights reserved.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

Open Health IT Exchange
5500 Wayzata Boulevard
Suite 500
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

