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The Committee is also pleased to be coordinating sessions with the

“House 21st Century Health Care Caucus”

Reps. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) and Tim Murphy (R-PA), Co-Chairs

“An Early Checkup on HITECH Implementation Efforts”

Thursday, November 19th

12:00 – 1:45 PM



ARRA \$787 Billion Total

Up to \$50 B for “Cyber Ready” HIT Efforts

- **Jobs Creation**
- **Infrastructure Build out**
- **Community Economic Development**
- **Public-Private Partnerships**
- **Quick Spending Toward Long Term Investment**
- **Supporting Broader Healthcare Reforms - Access, Efficiency, Quality**



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Health Information Technology Related Provisions

HIT Incentives Over 10 Years (Medicare & Medicaid)

Budget Authority	\$ 36.3 B
Projected Savings	\$ 15.5 B
Net Budget Authority	\$ 20.8 B

National Coordinator for HIT	\$ 2.0 B
Includes Grants to States	\$ 300 M
Includes Transfer to NIST	\$ 20 M



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HRSA Programs and Services	\$ 2.5 B
(Grants to CHCs	\$.5 B)
(CHC Infrastructure & HIT	\$ 1.5 B)
(Hlth Professions Shortages	\$.5 B)
AHRQ Comparative Effect Research	\$ 1.1 B
(Transfer to NIH	\$ 400 M)
(Use by DHHS Secretary	\$ 400 M)
(Use by AHRQ	\$ 300 M)



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Health Information Technology Related Provisions

Indian Health Service (Telemedicine)	\$ 85 M
Veterans Health Admin. (IT)	\$ 50 M
NTIA / DoC (Broadband TOP)	\$ 4.7 B
RUS / DoA (Medical Links et al)	\$ 2.5 B
ETA / DoL (Worker Training)	\$ 4.4 B
NIST / DoC (Standards)	\$ 220 M
(Plus \$20 M from DHHS)	
Social Security Admin. (IT)	\$ 500 M



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Incentives through Medicare

- Eligible professionals (physicians) and hospitals for the “meaningful use” of certified EHR technology
- Incentives offered 2011- 2015 for physicians and physicians will see a reduction in their Medicare reimbursements in 2015 if they are not meaningful users of certified EHR technology
- Incentives offered FY11-FY15 for hospitals and hospitals will see a reduction in their Medicare reimbursements in FY15 if they are not meaningful users of certified EHR technology

Incentives through Medicaid

- Eligible providers must demonstrate a “meaningful use” of certified EHR technology
- Incentive payments offered 2011 - 2015



CAHs and the EMR Adoption ModelSM CA PPS

Stage 7	Medical record fully electronic; HCO able to contribute CCD as byproduct of EMR; Data warehousing in use	0.0%	0.4%
Stage 6	Physician documentation (structured templates), full CDSS (variance & compliance), full R-PACS	0.0%	1.2%
Stage 5	Closed loop medication administration	1.6%	4.9%
Stage 4	CPOE, CDSS (clinical protocols)	1.1%	3.8%
Stage 3	Clinical documentation (flow sheets), CDSS (error checking), PACS available outside Radiology	19.8%	43.5%
Stage 2	Clinical Data Repository, Controlled Medical Vocabulary, Clinical Decision Support, may have Document Imaging	29.7%	31.5%
Stage 1	Ancillaries – Lab, Rad, Pharmacy – All Installed	12.8%	7.5%
Stage 0	All Three Ancillaries Not Installed	35.0%	7.1%



Grants and Loans

Initial Guidance and \$350 M. in June; then, \$1.2 B. Announced August 21st

-State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program for States and Designees to develop policies, and network systems to assist electronic information exchange within and across states, and ultimately throughout the health care system. \$564 Million

- Grants to establish 70 Regional Health Information Technology Extension Centers that will offer technical assistance, guidance and information on Electronic Health Records best practices. 20 ¼ 2010; 25 ¾ 2010; remaining late 2010. \$589 Million. 100,000 primary care trained



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Some Additional Provisions

- National “Uber Center” \$50 M to Coordinate Regional Centers**
- Demonstration Program to Integrate Information Technology Into Clinical Education**
- Information Professionals in Healthcare, Grants to Medical Health Informatics Education Programs**



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Some Additional Provisions

- **HRSA Working on \$500 M in Recovery Act workforce funds – some to be used for HIT Workforce Training**
- **Development and Routine Updating of a Qualified EHR Technology**
- **HIE interoperability requirements**
- **Provider loans for certified EHR technologies**
- **Public health Informatics provisions**
- **Study Concerning Open Source Technology**
- **Privacy and Security Provisions**



Pending Health Reform Provisions

- 1) Telehealth Expansions – S. 2741: Store & Forward IHS & FQHC; Credentialing and Privileging; TeleStroke ; Telehealth Grants
- 2) Coordinated Care IT Provisions – Medical Home
- 3) Medicare Advantage Provisions
- 4) Annual Wellness Visits via Web or Telephony
- 4) Health IT Workforce Advisory Committee
- 5) IHS Telehealth Grants Including Telemental Health Rural and Urban
- 5) CMS Innovation Center
- 6) SBA Loans to MDs to cover front-end HITECH gap – HR 3854
- 7) Possible New FCC Rulemaking & Universal Service Amends ?
- 8) Other Amendments ?

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