



HIT Policy Committee Meeting
July 6th, 2011

Agenda

Background

The [Health IT Policy Committee](#) is charged with providing recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health IT on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides that the Health IT Policy Committee shall at least make recommendations on standards, implementation specifications, and certifications criteria in eight specific areas.

Opening Remarks – Farzad Mostashari, MD National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

- Dr. Mostashari recognized the 25th meeting of the health IT Policy Committee and welcomed Dr. Patrick Conway to the Committee. He is a former White House Fellow and Current Chief Medical Officer and Director of the CMS Office of Clinical Standards and Quality
- Dr. Mostashari applauded the HITPC's recommendations on the Meaningful Use Stage 2 Objectives. He was strongly encouraged by the HITPC's recommendation that the MU work be closely aligned with the National Health Care Quality Strategy and Plan.
- Dr. Mostashari informed the HITPC that ONC agrees with the recommendation of extending MU Stage 1 by 1 year and start of MU Stage 2 in 2014 with the following rationale:
 - a. Addresses possible certification and upgrade challenges for 2011 Meaningful Users.
 - b. Allows 2012 Meaningful Users to proceed forward as planned
 - c. Allows self-certified systems and vendors to continue innovation/upgrades/etc. to meet needs of healthcare transformation and ensure greater health IT involvement in quality and care coordination
 - d. Ensures consistency with intent of MU in maximizing the number of EPs and EHRs to work toward becoming Meaningful Users..
- *HIMSS editorial: Dr. Mostashari making the statement in a public forum indicates where HHS may be heading. This does not take the place of the NPRM process for MU Stage 2 (owned by CMS) and Standards and Certification Criteria associated with MU (owned by ONC). We can still anticipate the release of both NPRMs in December 2011 or January 2012.*

Privacy & Security Tiger Team Recommendations Deven McGraw, Chair

- In responding to patients requests for changes to electronic records Certified EHR technology should have the capability in MU Stage 2 to support amendments to health information and in particular to support a providers compliance with HIPPA obligations

- MU Stage 3 Technology should have the ability to transmit amendments, updates or appended information to other providers to whom the data in question has been previously transmitted
- The HIT Standards Committee should recommend any necessary standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria to address the previous recommendation
- The Tiger Team is currently deliberating the applicability of correction/amendment obligations for HIO's

Briefing on HIT Standards Committee Doug Fridsma John Halamka, Vice Chair, HITSC

- A briefing was provided on the current status of past [HIT Standards Committee](#) Meetings
- Stage 3
 - Standard for recording family history
 - Patient Generated data submitted to public health agencies
 - Add new fields in demographics per IOM report
 - Capability to retrieve AD from EHR
 - Mechanism for patient entered data
- ePrescribing Power Team meeting July 27th 2011
- Surveillance Implementation Guide Power Team Meeting July 22nd 2011
- S&I Framework Initiatives
 - Rapid focused effort to develop and pilot test standards
 - Allows for “universal addressing and transport” to enable any sender to send to any receiver (that shares a common definition of identity and trust)
 - Pilots have demonstrated the need for common and consistent definitions and levels of assurance for identity assurance and authentication
 - Transition of Care supports quality goals and meaningful use stage 1 and foreseen Stage 2 requirements by standardizing clinically meaningful core data supporting high quality analysis
 - Provider directories Facilities secure exchange of health data by enabling senders to identify and obtain digital certificates

Review of Meaningful Use Stage 1 Submissions Robert Tagalicod, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Josh Seidman ONC

- Report on empirical data from REC's regarding 42 REC “movers” and the experiences with Stage 1 MU



- 23 Successful meaningful use stations in Delaware
- High turnout of providers participating in reimbursement
- Delaware Society of Medicine provided patients the platform to present the impacts of EHR's quality of care outcomes
- Caregivers recognize the importance of EHR's in the delivery and centralization of care

