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HOT BILLS					
S 2408: Medicare Electronic Medication and Safety Protection (E-MEDS) Act of 2007	H.R. 4296	Sen. John F. Kerry	The Medicare Electronic Medication and Safety Protection (E-MEDS) Act of 2007 amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) make incentive payments for physician use of an electronic prescription drug program (E-prescribing); and (2) reduce by 10% the fee schedule amount for failure to use E-prescribing. It also directs the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to report to Congress on progress on implementing e-prescribing under the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.	Attached to HR 6331 and passed into law.	Support
S 1814: Health Information Privacy & Security Act	N/A	Sen. Patrick Leahy	The Health Information Privacy & Security Act provides individuals with access to health information of which they are a subject, ensure personal privacy with respect to health related information, promote the use of non-identifiable information for health research, impose criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized use of protected health information, to provide for the strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights.	Senate HELP Committee	Monitoring
S 1693: Wired for Health Care Quality Act	N/A	Sen. Edward Kennedy	The Wired for Healthcare Quality Act enhances the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.	Senate HELP Committee	Support



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HR 6331: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008	N/A	Rep. Charlie Rangel	The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers act of 2008 amends title Medicare IVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of additional preventative services. It provides for the gradual elimination of co-payment rates for Medicare psychiatric services and places prohibitions and limitations on certain sales and marketing activities under Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans.	Passed by both House and Senate and Presidential Veto overridden by both bodies	Passed into Law
HR 6357: PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008	N/A	Rep. John Dingell	The PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008 promotes the nationwide adoption of an HIT infrastructure and establishes incentives for doctors, hospitals, insurers, and the government to exchange health information electronically across the country. Additionally, H.R. 6357 makes permanent the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and encourages the use of an electronic health record for each person in the United States by 2014. It also strengthens the law protecting the security and privacy of an individual's health information through provisions such as requiring notification when personal health information is breached.	Passed by House Energy & Commerce Committee. Also needs approval of Ways & Means Committee. The Science and Technology committee waived rights to review.	Monitoring
HR 4296: Medicare Electronic Medication and Safety Protection Act of 2007	S 2408	Rep. Allyson Schwartz	The E-MEDS bill is bipartisan and promotes electronic prescribing in Medicare. The bill aims to eliminate the medical errors, injuries, hospitalizations and 7,000 deaths annually that can result from illegible prescriptions and bad drug interactions. This legislation will eliminate the pen and paper approach formerly used by doctors when prescribing medication to patients.	Attached to HR 6331 and passed into law	Support



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HR 3800: Promoting Health Information Technology Act	N/A	Reps. Eshoo/Rogers	The Promoting Health Information Technology Act amends the Public Health Service Act to establish the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, establishes a public-private Partnership for Health Care Improvement to recommend specific actions to achieve a nationwide interoperable health information technology infrastructure, provides for the adoption by the federal government of standards for the electronic exchange of health information, and establishes the American Health Information Community to provide advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the heads of any relevant federal agencies concerning the policy considerations related to health information technology.	House Energy & Commerce Committee	Support
HR 2991: Independent Health Record Trust Act	N/A	Rep. Dennis Moore	The Independent Health Record Trust Act will improve the availability of health information and the provision of health care by encouraging the creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic health records of individuals in independent health record trusts. This legislation will also provide a secure and privacy-protected framework in which such records are made available only by the affirmative consent of such individuals and are used to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure.	Referred to House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees	Monitoring
HR 2406: NIST Healthcare Information Enterprise Act	N/A	Rep. Bart Gordon	This bill authorizes the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to increase its efforts in support of the integration of the healthcare information enterprise in the United States.	Passed by House Science & Technology Committee	Monitoring



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HR 1467: 10,000 Trained by 2010 Act	N/A	Rep. David Wu	This legislation will authorize the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs.	Passed House. At Senate HELP Committee. Attempt to attach to HR 6357 in House.	Support
HR 6898: Health-e Information Technology Act of 2008	N/A	Rep. Fortney Stark	This legislation is intended to promote the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology, and for other purposes. Provisions include: Codification of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC); Support for the nationwide electronic exchange of health information; Development of a federal strategic plan for healthcare IT; Financial incentives for healthcare providers to adopt and use healthcare IT; Promotion of measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of personal health information; Establishment of an "HIT Advisory Committee" to advise the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the development of an open-source "health information technology system" through the auspices of the ONC.	Introduced on September 15, 2008 and referred to the three committee's of jurisdiction: Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.	Monitoring



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HR 7191: The E-Centives Act of 2008	N/A	Rep. Allyson Schwartz	This legislation will help accelerate physician investment in interoperable electronic medical records systems (EMR) by incentivizing providers by giving the authority to state Medicaid programs to reimburse providers at the enhanced SCHIP FMAP rate for the costs associated with the meaningful use of a certified EMR system; incentives for streamlining administration and enrollment by modifying current regulation to expand the allowable charges for State Medicaid agencies, defined under federal financial participation (FFP) for the Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) program, to include electronic information and eligibility systems, patient registries for disease screening, and office staff training on electronic information and eligibility systems; and by conducting a study of the Medicaid Transformations Grants Program by June 1, 2009, through the Secretary of HHS.	Introduced on September 27, 2008 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.	Monitoring