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Requests for Congress
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Specifically, what you can do now is:

1. HIMSS recommends that any future policy pertaining to the electronic health record (EHR) incentive programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) appropriately balance meaningful use criteria/measures with industry readiness without delaying the timeline for implementation.
2. HIMSS recommends that Congress enable the study of an informed patient identity solution.
3. HIMSS recommends that Congress work with the Obama Administration to make permanent the current physician self referral regulation exemptions (Stark exemptions) and anti-kickback safe harbors for EHRs.

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