



CMS and ONC Release Rules Related to the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

This morning, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) released final rules addressing the meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs) and the initial set of standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for EHR technology.

The CMS meaningful use rule may be found at the following address:

http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17207_PI.pdf and the ONC final rule addressing the initial set of standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria can be found at: http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17210_PI.pdf.

In addition, David Blumenthal, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and Marilyn Tavenner, who most recently served as the Acting Administrator of CMS, published an article in the New England Journal of Medicine, which discusses the meaningful use rule. This article may be found at the following address: <http://healthcarereform.nejm.org/?p=3732&query=home>.

Finally, CMS issued a press release in conjunction with the release of the rules, which may be found at the following web address:

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3786&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>.