

Meaningful Use for Certified EHRs and Incentive Payments: A Compliance Officer's Perspective

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provided major opportunities to improve the nation's health care through health information technology (HITECH) by promoting and advancing the use of electronic health records (EHR). Incentive payments have been offered to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals (CAHs), and certain Medicare Advantage Organizations participating in Medicare and Medicaid programs that adopt meaningful use of "certified EHR technology."

DHHS has just released the **Final Rule** specifying the initial incentive program criteria and determining the definition of "meaningful use of certified EHR technology."

Compliance officers will play a critical oversight role in overseeing and certifying that their organization successfully demonstrates meaningful use of "certified EHR technology."

This Webinar will:

- Provide an overview and discuss the fundamental features of the new rule
- Present the calculation of the incentive payment amounts *and* payment adjustments for failing to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology
- Provide an effective and practical method for demonstrating your organization's compliance with the meaningful use criteria
- Promote a responsible set of actions to maintain awareness and measurement of your compliance status
- Share the detailed recommendations for implementation of the meaningful use criteria as *analyzed and interpreted by a national workgroup* to assist your organization in meeting DHHS' requirements and qualifying for the incentive funding
- Highlight Congress' recognition that new types of technology to communicate, transmit and manage health information were not subject to the patient privacy and security protections mandated under HIPAA, resulting in a broadening of the law



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Further, this webinar will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions from those who have been deciphering, in detail, the "meaningful use" criteria since their initial release in January 2010.

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