



Electronic Health Record Adoption

Electronic Health Records (EHR) & Government Regulation

Why EHR's are a Hot Topic

- HITECH Act and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act driving EHR adoption & HIPAA changes
 - Every clinician must utilize an EHR or face reimbursement penalties from government programs
 - Goal to improve efficiency and patient safety while also reducing national healthcare costs
 - Penalties begin in 2015 with escalating fines over a 3 year period

Status of Adoption

- 64% of physician offices adopted and received incentive payments
- 80% of hospitals adopted and received incentive payments

Why Schools are Adopting Electronic Health Records

Improved & more efficient enrollment process for schools and parents

- Avoid repetitive form completion
- Avoid annual reminder calls to parents from health center
- Prevent time-consuming and costly mailing, printing, and copying of forms

Students cannot attend/participate if records incomplete

Treatment cannot be provided if records incomplete

Emergency access easier to provide with an EHR

- Facilitate dissemination of information for off campus games/trips
- Reduced HIPAA concerns

More technically proficient clinicians

- Physician practice/hospital employers also utilize an EHR

Improved collaboration between health center, athletic trainers, and faculty

What This Means for You

Your first year completing the forms will be more time-consuming than subsequent years

- Must complete all historical health information
- Following years are a review, update, and approve process
 - Add any new medical concerns
 - Update allergies
 - Update immunization records

You have a right to the information you enter

- Upon leaving the school you can download the *CareFlowPHR* and retain access to the information via a mobile application found on iTunes and Google Play (fees may apply when downloading)
 - Or you can request a printed copy
- You will receive email instructions on how to convert your information to the *CareFlowPHR* prior to graduation

We do not share any information with any 3rd party organizations

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All employees of CareFlow, LLC are trained on HIPAA and privacy twice annually

Key Terms and More Information

HITECH ACT: Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health

<http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/hitech-act-0>

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act seeks to improve American health care delivery and patient care through an unprecedented investment in Health IT (HIT). The provisions of the HITECH Act are specifically designed to work together to provide the necessary assistance and technical support to providers, enable coordination and alignment within and among states, establish connectivity to the public health community in case of emergencies, and assure the workforce is properly trained and equipped to be meaningful users of certified Electronic Health Records (EHRs). These programs collaboratively build the foundation for every American to benefit from an EHR as part of a modernized, interconnected, and vastly improved system of care delivery.

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

<http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/resources/healthit/>

With the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), an environment has been created that requires the adoption of Electronic Medical Records (EMRs). Providers must be aware of their strategic needs before the purchase, installation, and adoption of EMRs.

Health IT.gov

<http://dashboard.healthit.gov/>

Are you interested in better understanding health IT and the transformative changes that electronic health/medical records are having in our nation's health care system? The Health IT Dashboard presents key information and data to enable collaborative monitoring of the impact of federal policies, programs, and research activities related to health IT. Return to this web site regularly to explore and download new datasets and statistics as they become available.