



CMS Health IT Initiatives

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CMS Overview

- › CMS plays a key role in the overall direction of the health care system:
 - œ Administers the Medicare program, providing health insurance to approximately 44 million beneficiaries;
 - œ Has federal oversight of the state-administered Medicaid program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), covering almost 50 million enrollees.





CMS HIT Priorities

- › Value-based Purchasing
- › Promoting standards and interoperability
- › Ensuring appropriate privacy and security safeguards
- › Game changers

E-Prescribing

- › **Benefits to Providers (Source HIMSS Survey-March 2008)**
 - œ Reducing Medication errors
 - œ Access to Medication history
 - œ Preventing fraud and tampering
- › **Benefits to Consumers**
 - œ Reduced wait time
 - œ Less handwriting interpretation errors
 - œ Generic drugs
- › **CMS Approach**
 - œ Standards Adoption
 - œ Education and Outreach
 - œ Promote adoption



Personal Health Records (PHRs)

- › **Benefits to Providers**
 - œ Improved communications
 - œ More educated patient
 - œ More data
- › **Benefits to Consumers**
 - œ Greater access to information

Medicare Electronic Health Records Demonstration Project

› **Goals**

- œ Broader implementation & adoption of EHRs by physicians
- œ Improve quality and efficiency

› **Design**

- œ 5-year operational period
- œ 2 implementation phases
- œ Up to 12 sites (states or regions)
- œ Up to 2,400 total practices recruited (approx. 200 per site)
 - › Small to medium-sized practices targeted
 - › Primary care practices
 - › Randomized design (1,200 demonstration practices; 1,200 control group practices)
- œ **Incentive payments**
 - › Use CCHIT-certified EHRs to improve quality as measured by their