

- Electronic Health Record Incentives
- EDIS Brings Positive ROI
- Tip of the Month
- Upcoming Conferences

Electronic Health Record Incentives are Here....Are you Ready?

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final regulations regarding Electronic Health Records incentives called for in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. All hospitals anticipate the benefits of the federal incentive payments for meaningful use and most will be able to meet the certification requirements through the use of products purchased from vendors.

The Preliminary ARRA Interim Final Rule Stage 1 Certification Program, operated by the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®), inspects EHR technology against federal minimum criteria and standards developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and published on January 13, 2010. It is offered now to allow eligible providers and hospitals time to qualify for incentive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The program is designed to demonstrate that a vendor's product is well prepared to be certified once Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) accredited testing and certification becomes available.

For the purpose of qualifying products for ARRA incentives, CCHIT anticipates, but has not yet received, accreditation by HHS. When those events occur, CCHIT will replace the Preliminary ARRA program with a final, ONC– Accredited ARRA Certification Program, and health IT companies will have an opportunity to return to complete final certification.

Work is already underway by our development team and CMR is in a strategically well placed position for testing and certification. While the key question is the difference that exists between initial proposed regulations and those released in July, 2010, we are fully confident that our Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) will achieve certification soon after testing begins.

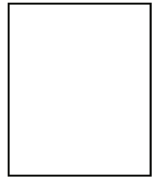
From the Editor

CMR is proud to take this month's issue to focus on Return on Investment. A traditional ROI analysis weighs the financial impact of operating expenses with the revenue gains from service delivery. If projected revenue gains exceed costs, then the investment is justified. We are proud that CMR has accomplished this for our existing customers. CMR offers a low upfront cost and ROI is easily measured early after implementation. Give us a call today and let CMR show you the money!

Who We Are

CMR, the Complete Medical Record, is designed for Emergency Departments by Emergency Physicians and Nurses. We offer the most up to date record to meet all regulatory compliance for the Emergency Department. Our record is complete with forms, core measures, Rx writer, reporting, etc. CMR is very User-Friendly providing the ability for all disciplines that interact with the Emergency Department to chart. CMR helps to create a health care culture that is both connected and comprehensive.

TIP OF THE MONTH Enterprise systems do not have to control your Emergency Department! With modern technology, your ED can have the best of both worlds....the best emergency department information system and full integration. With CMR's integration capabilities, we are able to meet the needs of both the ED and the hospital. For additional information or specific questions, please contact us.



Emergency Department Information Systems Bring A Positive Return on Investment (ROI)

Electronic Health Records have a positive impact on the ROI process by facilitating a completed record as well as a more complete record retrieval. Administration recognizes that using an effective EMR is definitely the way to go, however are burdened with the questions of cost, timelines, etc. An Emergency Department encounter is billed timely and completely because all charting guidelines are met and charts are completed when they are electronically signed. Coders are able to code faster and more efficiently due to readability and accessibility to the essential elements of the complete record.

Having a Best of Breed EMR is essential to ensure compliance with all guidelines and requirements of regulatory bodies related to the Emergency Department. Best of Breed products are well accepted by ED staff and most often contain everything they need to document efficiently, effectively and timely. Best of Breed EMR's often contain all required forms for the Emergency Department.

By using a complete charting tool rather than a fragmented application, administration has immediate access to all needed reports and necessary data for the Emergency Department.

CMR contact

Telephone 225.761.3390
Fax225.761.3095
CMR Helpdesk 888.321.4267
Main Office888.267.0060
www.CMRedis.com

Upcoming Conferences

Come Visit Us!

ENA Scientific Assembly
San Antonio, TX—Sept 22-25, 2010
Booth # 1319

ACEP Scientific Assembly
Las Vegas, NV—Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2010
Booth #1354

Arkansas Hospital Association Conference
Little Rock, AR—Oct 6-8, 2010

LRHA Conference
Lafayette, LA— Oct 18-19, 2010

isEDIS Conference
Miami, FL— Nov 12-15, 2010

To schedule a demonstration, please contact us at 888.267.0060 or visit our website at www.CMRedis.com