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Thank you for signing up for our newsletter. We hope you have a safe and happy 4th of July.

This is an extension of our website to bring you updated information on the impact of the health care portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Each month as we add webinars, white papers, and features, the subscription price will increase. The earlier you subscribe the more you will save. Subscriptions run through January 2010. July's monthly subscription will be \$23/month or you can purchase the seven month subscription for \$105, a \$56 savings. Subscribe today and save even more - we are extending the June prices through the holiday weekend. July pricing will begin on Monday, July 6th.

For our subscribers: thank you for all the suggestions on what you would like to know and how the subscriber pages can help. We have added a lounge that will have information targeted to help you stay informed and make better decisions on an EHR solution for you and your practice. Additionally, we have added our "Off the Beaten Path" section. Each month we will explore a technology or hot topic that is not necessarily about the HITECH Act, but will be health care related. This month we are exploring doctors and Twitter. Have you joined in yet? Just what is it all about?

Keeping Up

HITECH Updates

Visit [HITECH Updates](#) to read full post on what happened in June.

Read the "Waiting Room" post each week on what's on the horizon for the week.



What's been happening?

1. Obama spoke to AMA on June 15, defending his health care reforms and agenda.
2. HIT Policy Committee met on June 16 and reviewed updates from their three workarounds

Requirements?

DRT Enabled EHRs

Upcoming Webinar

What about rural and community hospitals?

Resource Links

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3. HIT Policy Committee released the draft recommendations for meaningful use and called for public comments through June 26.
4. HIT Standards committee met on June 23rd to introduce the workgroups and charges they will take on.
5. CCHIT held Town Hall and webconference meetings on June 16 and 17 to gather input on new paths to certification under ARRA.
6. The Sixth Annual Healthcare Unbound Conference and Exhibition was held in Seattle on June 22-23 organized by [TCBI](#).

Read the full stories and get links on our [HITECH Updates](#) page.

Department of Health and Human Services

HIT Policy Committee.



Public comment period for the meaningful use draft recommendations were closed on June 26, 2009. Look for the revised recommendations to be revealed at the July meeting.

HIT Standards Committee

In the June meeting three workgroups were introduced and each gave update presentations.

- *The Clinical Operations Workgroup* - charged with making recommendations to the Committee on requirements for standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria relate to EHRs and clinical operations.
- *The Clinical Quality Workgroup* - charged with making recommendations to the Committee on quality measures that should be included in the Meaningful Use definition and for future EHR requirements.
- *The Privacy and Security Workgroup* - charged with making recommendations to the Committee on privacy and security requirements for standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria

Stay informed on these committees and get the links for meeting details, visit our site [here](#).