

“Meaningful Use” Criteria Released

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued two sets of federal regulations that further define “meaningful use” and the initial set of standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for EHR technology.

- The first set of regulations is a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that lists the “meaningful use” criteria that healthcare providers must meet to qualify for federal IT subsidies based on how they use their electronic health records. See the link for the full filing (556 pages) http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-31217_PI.pdf
- The second document is an Interim Final Rule (IFR) to establish the Initial Set of Standards, Implementation Specifications and Certification Criteria for EHR Technology. This lays out the standards and certification criteria that those EHRs must meet for their users to collect the money. See the link for the full filing (136 pages) http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-31216_PI.pdf

The meaningful use regulations are proposed regulations subject to a 60-day public comment period after which HHS will issue final regulations. The EHR certification regulations are interim final regulations that take effect in 30 days with a 60-day public comment period. HHS said final regulations will be published in 2010.

Public commentary may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>

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