



The Office of the National Coordinator for
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Health IT Advisory Committee

Discussion of EHR Reporting Program and Criteria Development

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Today's Agenda

- Background
- EHR Reporting Program Overview
 - » 21st Century Cures Act Requirements
 - » Request for Information (RFI)
 - » More Information and Next Steps

21st Century Cures Act Requirements

- Section 4002 of the Cures Act includes the requirement for HHS to establish an EHR Reporting Program
- The purpose of the EHR Reporting Program is to provide publically available, comparative information on certified health IT
- The Cures Act requires that HHS:
 - » Develop ***EHR reporting criteria*** through a public, transparent process reflecting input from stakeholders
 - » Award procurement(s) to independent entities on a competitive basis to support the program (e.g., convening stakeholders, collecting information, reporting on the information)

21st Century Cures Act Requirements

- The EHR Reporting Criteria are required to reflect the following categories:
 - » Security
 - » Usability and user-centered design
 - » Interoperability
 - » Conformance to certification testing
 - » Other categories, as appropriate to measure the performance of EHR technology
- The Cures Act Specifies EHR Reporting Program Feedback from:
 - » Developers of certified health IT
 - » **(voluntary)** Health care providers, patients, and other users of certified health IT

Request for Information

- ONC released a Request for Information (RFI) to obtain early input from the public
- RFI comments will inform the approach to convening stakeholders and developing reporting criteria
- You can submit comments on the RFI through the Federal Register at <https://federalregister.gov/d/2018-18297>
 - » Public comments are welcome within the comment period, which ends at 5PM EST on October 17, 2018

Request for Information

- Overall the RFI seeks input about reporting criteria that will be used to:
 - » Show distinct, measurable differences between products
 - » Describe the functionalities of health IT products varying by the setting where implemented (e.g., primary versus specialty care)
 - » Provide timely and reliable information in ways not unduly burdensome to users or to small and start-up developers
 - » Comparatively inform acquisition, upgrade, and customization decisions that best support end users' needs beyond currently available information
 - » Support analysis for industry trends with respect to interoperability and other types of user experiences

Request for Information Sections

- Cross-Cutting Topics
 - » Existing Data Sources
 - » Data Reported by Health IT Developers versus End-Users
 - » User-Reported Criteria
 - » Health IT Developer-Reported Criteria
- Categories for the EHR Reporting Program
 - » Security
 - » Usability and user-centered design
 - » Interoperability
 - » Conformance to certification testing
 - » Other categories, as appropriate to measure the performance of certified EHR technology

Next Steps: HITAC

- **Step 1:** Initial feedback from the HITAC will be received today
- **Step 2:** HITAC will be provided an update on:
 - » A summary of public comments received on the RFI
 - » A summary of feedback received through the required stakeholder engagement process
- **Step 3:** HITAC will review and submit recommendations on the draft reporting criteria

For More Information

- The RFI is the first step toward implementation of the EHR Reporting Program
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Thank You!

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