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
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](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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