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

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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

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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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