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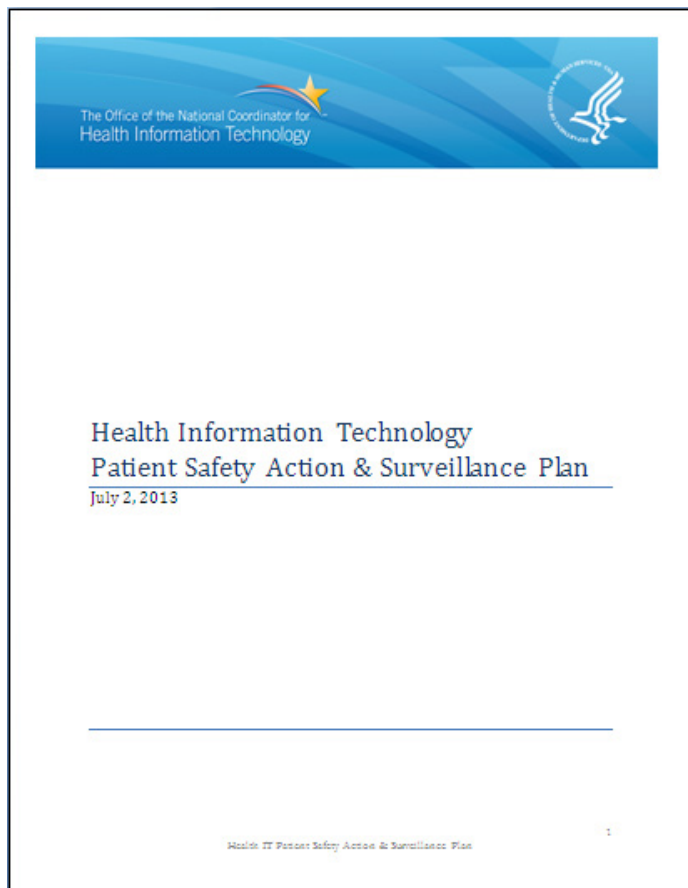
ONC Policy and Program Update

Health IT Standards Committee Meeting
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1. Health IT Patient Safety Action & Surveillance Plan (“HIT Safety Plan”)
2. ONC Certified HIT Mark for 2014
3. Recent Guides & Reports

Health IT Patient Safety Action & Surveillance Plan (“HIT Safety Plan”)



- Final Plan released July 2, 2013
- Developed by ONC on behalf of and with collaboration across HHS
- Also reflects input from:
 - IOM (2011 Report*)
 - HITPC Certification & Adoption and FDASIA workgroups
 - Public comments on Draft Plan (released Dec. 21, 2012)

* The Final Plan and related materials are available at:

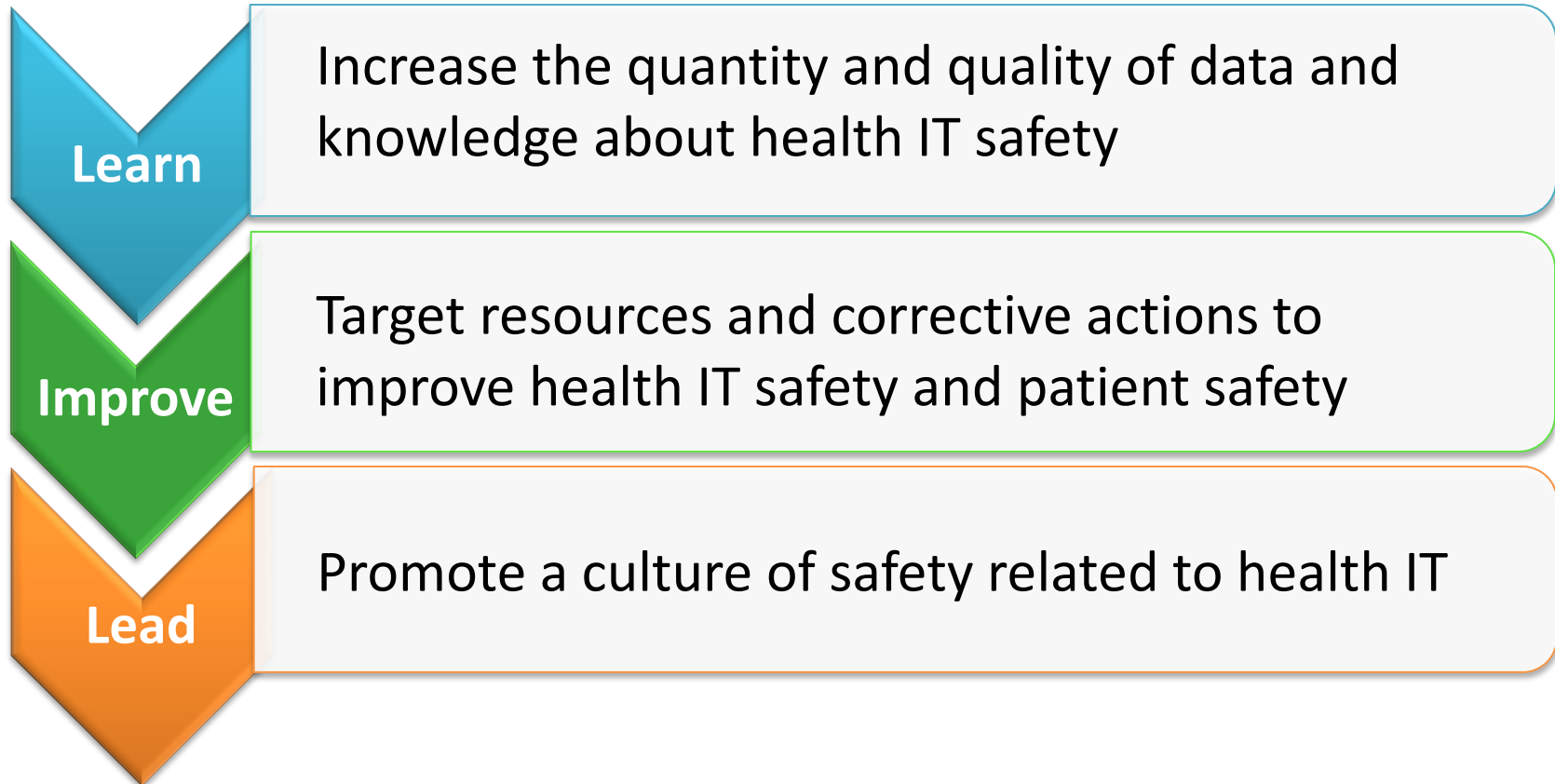
<http://healthIT.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/health-it-and-patient-safety>

- Goal: Advance patient safety in an increasingly HIT-enabled healthcare system
- Landscape:
 - HIT adoption and use continue to grow
 - HIT is increasingly integrated with care delivery
 - Relevant technologies are new and rapidly evolving
- HIT implications for patient safety:
 - Potential benefits (substantial, as is widely acknowledged)
 - Potential risks (types and magnitude still unknown)
- Need for deliberate and coordinated action by both government and the private sector

Objectives:

1. Use health IT to make care safer
2. Continuously improve the safety of health IT

Strategies:





Learn

Increase the quantity and quality of data and knowledge about health IT safety

Encourage and make reporting easier

- Standardized reporting formats (AHRQ's Common Formats)
- CEHRT functionality that streamlines reporting

Support and strengthen Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs)

- AHRQ will help to deidentify and aggregate data

Analyze data from multiple sources

- PSOs, FDA MAUDE Database, AHRQ's QSRS
- ONC surveillance (**see slide ###**)
- The Joint Commission sentinel events program (**see slide ###**)



Improve

Target resources and corrective actions to improve health IT safety and patient safety

Establish and advance HIT patient safety priorities

- ONC will lead a public-private process to develop improvement priorities
- CMS & ONC will continue to use MU and S&CC to advance priorities

Develop and disseminate tools and interventions

- ONC is developing SAFER Guides

Investigate serious events and take corrective action

- The Joint Commission will investigate HIT-related events and hazards in hospitals and ambulatory practices
- CMS will train its surveyors on HIT safety
- An HHS multi-agency committee will prepare for & respond to systemic issues



Lead

Promote a culture of safety related to health IT

Encourage private sector leadership and shared responsibility

- Encourage HIT industry groups to educate their members on shared responsibility
- Encourage providers, professional associations, and PSOs to integrate HIT safety into existing patient safety programs and organizations
- Encourage business practices that promote transparency and accountability

Establish ONC HIT Safety Program

- Coordinate implementation of the Safety Plan

Develop an appropriate risk-based regulatory framework (FDASIA)

- Complements actions described in the Safety Plan

Surveillance of Certified EHR Technology

- ONC issued guidance on July 2, 2013
- In CY14, ONC-ACBs will be expected to perform live surveillance of:
 - Safety-related capabilities
 - Developers' complaint processes
- ONC-ACBs will be encouraged to make surveillance results public

Collaboration with The Joint Commission

- 1 year contract with option year; performance began June 3, 2013.
- Expected outputs:
 - Provides much-needed near-term data/analysis
 - Supports early detection and mitigation of serious events & hazards
 - Examines and provides recommendations on the role of external oversight bodies in ensuring HIT patient safety

ONC Certified HIT



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**UPDATE ON THE ADOPTION OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AND RELATED EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE ELECTRONIC USE AND
EXCHANGE OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

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Available at:

http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/rtc_adoption_of_healthit_and_relatedefforts.pdf

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