Important Facts about EHR adoption and the EHR Incentive Programs

Recent Survey Findings

Acute Care Hospitals

- According to the most recent results of the American Hospital Association’s Survey of IT adoption, 15.1 percent of acute care non-federal hospitals have adopted at least a “basic” EHR. This represents growth of nearly 75% since 2008.

- In addition, 80.8 percent of acute care non-federal hospitals plan to apply for EHR incentive payments. Of those hospitals, 80.1 percent plan to apply in 2011 or 2012.¹

Figure 1. Percent of Acute Care Non-Federal Hospitals
With at Least a “Basic” Electronic Health Record (2008 2010)²

*Significantly above previous year estimate at p≤0.05

Figure 2. Percent of Acute Care Non-Federal Hospitals Planning to Apply for EHR Incentive Payments

81% plan to apply for EHR incentive payments

80% of intended applicants plan to apply in 2011 or 2012
Office-based Physicians

- According to the most recent results from the National Center for Health Statistics Survey of IT adoption in physician practices, 24.9 percent of office-based physicians have adopted at least a “basic” electronic health record. This represents growth of nearly 50% since 2008.
- Growth in electronic health record adoption was strongest among primary care physicians last year, 29.6 percent of whom have now adopted at least a basic EHR.
- In addition, 41.1 percent of office based physicians plan to apply for EHR incentive payments. Of those physicians, 79.1 percent plan to apply in 2011 or 2012.1

Figure 3. Percent of Office-Based Physicians Who have Adopted at Least a “Basic” Electronic Health Record2

![Graph showing adoption rates from 2008 to 2010 for all physicians and primary care physicians.]

* Significantly above 2008 estimate at p≤0.05
** Significantly above 2009 and 2010 all physician estimates at p≤0.05

Figure 4. Percent of Office-Based Physicians Who are Planning to Apply for EHR Incentive Payments

41% of office-based physicians plan to apply for meaningful use incentives.
79% of intended applicants plan to apply in 2011 or 2012