



# Health IT Standards Committee

A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology to the National Coordinator for Health IT

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Dear Dr. Mostashari:

The HIT Standards Committee (the Committee) was asked by the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology (ONC) to review and provided recommendations on newer versions of the standard code sets adopted by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) in subpart B of Part 170 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This letter provides the Committee's recommendations.

## **Background and Discussion**

At the HIT Standards Committee meeting on June 22, 2011, ONC discussed with the Committee that newer versions of the Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC®) and CVX-Administered Vaccines had been publicly released and sought the Committee's assessment of these newer versions. The Committee accepted public comment on the identified new versions at the end of the meeting, but received no public input. The Committee reviewed the identified new versions for their potential burden on the HIT industry and their potential to negatively affect interoperability or cause any other type of unintended consequence. The Committee determined that voluntary testing and certification of EHR technology to the new versions would not burden the HIT industry nor negatively affect interoperability or cause any other type of unintended consequence.

## **Recommendations**

### Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC®)

The Committee recommends the following newer versions of the standard code set LOINC for acceptance by the Secretary:

Version 2.34 | Released December 29, 2010;  
Version 2.33 | Released December 2010;  
Version 2.32 | Released June 30, 2010; and  
Version 2.31 | Released June 2010.

CVX-Vaccines Administered

The Committee recommends the following newer versions of the standard code set CVX-Vaccines Administered for acceptance by the Secretary:

Version March 20, 2011 (1 vaccine);  
Version February 14, 2011 (2 vaccines);  
Version September 30, 2010 (25 vaccines);  
Version August 31, 2010 (1 vaccine);  
Version August 28, 2010 (4 vaccines);  
Version August 20, 2010 (1 vaccine); and  
Version May 28, 2010 (107 vaccines).

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Jonathan Perlin  
Chair, HIT Standards Committee

/s/

John Halamka  
Vice Chair, HIT Standards Committee