

# Federal Efforts to Encourage the Adoption of Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

## Overview

Insight worked with the Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL) to develop a Report to Congress on the interdisciplinary challenges of and opportunities for further use of health information technology (HIT) and electronic health records (EHRs). ACICBL is composed of member representatives from area health education centers; health education training centers; geriatric education centers; geriatric training programs for physicians; geriatric academic career awards; and allied health, chiropractic, podiatry, psychology, and rural interdisciplinary programs. ACICBL provides advice to Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 756 programs.

The Report to Congress addressed the use of information technology for interdisciplinary team care, specifically focusing on HIT and EHRs. From expert testimony, white papers, and direct research, this report analyzed the use of HIT, including specific user experiences, and related those to the challenges and needs of healthcare practitioners. The report addressed—

- How various aspects of the nation's healthcare system can best move forward in preparation for increasing use of HIT and EHRs



- How the Health Resources and Services Administration can encourage the adoption of HIT and EHRs through training and development of the nation's healthcare workforce

ACICBL provided recommendations in support of its findings to address workforce training, curricula development, service delivery, financing, pilot project development, and dissemination and implementation of best practice models.

## Products

Final report, *Federal Efforts to Encourage Adoption of Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records* (September 2007)