

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

Project Overview

Insight worked with the Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL) to develop a Congressional Report on the interdisciplinary challenges of and opportunities for further utilization of health information technology (HIT) and electronic health records (EHRs). ACICBL is comprised of member representatives from Area Health Education Centers, Health Education Training Centers, Geriatric Education Centers, Geriatric Training Programs for Physicians, Geriatric Academic Career Awards, Allied Health, Chiropractic, Podiatry, Psychology, and Rural Interdisciplinary Programs; it provides advice to Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 756 programs.



“Federal Efforts to Encourage the Adoption of Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records,” ACICBL’s Seventh Report, 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 utilization of health information technology, including specific user experiences, and related those to the challenges and needs of health care practitioners. The report focused on:

- How various aspects of the Nation’s health care system can best move forward in preparation for the increasing utilization of HIT and EHRs
- How the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) can encourage the adoption of HIT and EHR through training and development of the Nation’s health care workforce

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

Core Activities

Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination of Advisory Committees and Technical Expert Panels; Literature Reviews and Environmental Scans; Policy Analysis and Assessment; Report Development and Presentation

Products

The final report is entitled “Federal Efforts to Encourage Adoption of Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records.” (September 2007)

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