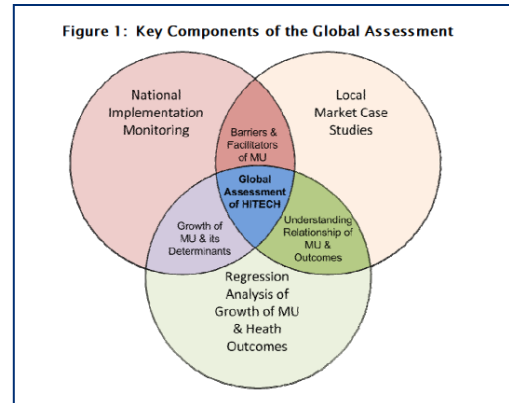


Global Assessment of the HITECH Program

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Project Overview

Insight partnered with Mathematica Policy Research and the Urban Institute on this global assessment of programs funded under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). The evaluation aimed to help the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) ensure that vital connections are made across HITECH initiatives by examining the critical linkages among those initiatives and between the initiatives and meaningful use (MU) of health information technology (HIT). The global assessment also provided ONC with a vehicle for assessing the effect of increased MU on health care quality and costs. The study provided insights into what features are working best; how success varies across geographic areas (e.g., regions, States, local markets) and target populations (e.g., Medicare beneficiaries); and what future steps would best facilitate the fulfillment of ONC’s goals. The global assessment was designed to complement evaluations of individual HITECH programs to provide a means to integrate and interpret findings on individual programs and to support an expanded analysis that takes into account the broader range of factors that are likely to determine the successes of HITECH.



For this project, Insight convened a Technical Expert Panel comprising a select group of experts in HIT, electronic health record adoption, clinical care, health services research, health economics, and public policy to advise ONC on the Global Assessment of HITECH. Insight coordinated the first in-person meeting of the panel and prepared a comprehensive report documenting the panel’s recommendations for ensuring that the evaluation plan and analyses reflect the current state of knowledge about technology, medical practice, and policy issues. Insight worked with the panel, which was scheduled to meet annually over the course of this 5-year contract, to provide key contributions to the evaluation plan and annual reports.

Core Activities

Program Evaluation; Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination of Advisory Committees and Technical Expert Panels; Policy Analysis and Assessment; Report Development and Presentation

Products

- A report entitled “Global Assessment of the HITECH Program Technical Expert Panel: Summary and Recommendations” was submitted in October 2010.
- Further annual reports were submitted in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.
- A final report incorporating all prior annual reports will be submitted in September 2015.

