

HIT Standards Committee
Clinical Operations Workgroups – Task Force on Vocabulary

Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./Eastern Time
Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS:

I. Purpose: Obtain public input on, and engage expert stakeholders in discussion of “rules of the road” for how vocabulary subsets and vocabulary value sets should be created, described, distributed, and maintained in order to facilitate meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs).

II. Questions to be Addressed in Public Comments

With reference to the Vocabulary Task Force’s definitions (in Attachment A), please respond to your choice of at least any four of the following questions about convenience subsets and/or value sets that are needed to facilitate meaningful use of EHRs. Be sure to specify which questions you are answering and to which category(ies) of subsets and value sets your comments apply.

- 1) Who should determine those that are needed?
- 2) Who should produce them?
- 3) Who should review and approve them?
- 4) How should they be described, i.e., what is the minimum set of metadata needed?
- 5) In what format(s) and via what mechanisms should they be distributed?
- 6) How and how frequently should they be updated, and how should updates be coordinated?
- 7) What support services would promote and facilitate their use?
- 8) What best practices/lessons learned have you learned, or what problems have you learned to avoid, regarding vocabulary subset and value set creation, maintenance, dissemination, and support services?
- 9) Do you have other advice or comments on convenience subsets and/or value sets and their relationship to meaningful use?
- 10) What must the federal government do or not do with regard to the above, and/or what role should the federal government play?

Because we have only a limited time to conduct the hearing, we ask that you confine your oral remarks to **5 minutes**; Q&A with the Task Force members will follow. In order to maximize time at the hearing, we ask that you submit written comments on the above

questions **no later than February 18, 2010**, so they can be reviewed by the Task Force members in advance.

There will be a broad solicitation of written public comments for this meeting. Approximately 10 people will be invited to provide in-person comments on February 23, 2010.