

Meaningful Use Workgroup Hearing

October 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. to 3:00.m./Eastern Time

TBD

Washington, DC

Instructions and Questions for Panelists

Background

Testimony from this hearing will help the Meaningful Use Workgroup (Workgroup) inform their deliberations on Stage 3 Meaningful Use objectives, and eventually formulate recommendations to the HIT Policy Committee and the National Coordinator on Meaningful Use Stage 3. If you have questions, please contact Paul Tang, Chair of the Workgroup, or George Hripcsak, Co-Chair, paultang@stanford.edu or Hripcsak@columbia.edu

Format of Presentation:

The Workgroup respectfully requests that panelists limit their prepared remarks to **five (5) minutes**. This will allow the Workgroup to ask questions of the panelists and allow every presenter time to present his or her remarks. We have found that this creates a conversation for a full understanding of the issue. You may submit as much detailed written testimony as you would like, and the Workgroup members will have reviewed this material in detail before the hearing. PowerPoints will not be needed.

Pre-Presentation Questions/Themes:

The questions below represent areas the Workgroup intends to explore at the hearing. Please feel free to use them in preparing your oral and written testimony; the Workgroup recognizes that certain questions may not apply to all presenters.

The Workgroup respectfully requests panelists to provide written testimony no later than **September 26, 2011**. Please submit the testimony to Josh Seidman and Judy Sparrow at josh.seidman@hhs.gov and Judy.sparrow@hhs.gov

Presenter Biography

In addition, the Workgroup requests that all presenters provide a short bio for inclusion in the meeting materials. Please send your short bios to Judy Sparrow, judy.sparrow@hhs.gov

THEMES/QUESTIONS

Panel 1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Update

What is CMS's experience with meaningful use so far?

- What are the rates related to the meaningful use program, including registration, attestation, and payment?
- What are the relative rates of adoption of menu objectives?
- What have been the challenges of administering the program?
- Have there been any cases of fraud or inappropriate attestation?

Panel 2: Provider Experience

What is the experience of EPs and EHRs in implementing meaningful use in the field, and how can that inform meaningful use in Stage 3?

- Do you plan to apply for reimbursement for Meaningful Use of HIT via Medicare or Medicaid?
- When do you plan to begin your Meaningful Use reporting period?
- Which objective requirements do you find easy to meet (or exceed)?
- Which core objectives have posed the greatest challenges to you meeting the requirements (and why)?
- Which menu objectives have posed the greatest challenges to you meeting the requirements (and why)?
- How well have the Meaningful Use clinical quality measures aligned with other measures in common use in your field? How easy or difficult has it been to report them for this program?
- What have been the major challenges, especially external factors (links to other organizations, vendor issues, etc.)?
- What do you estimate is your project cost to implement meaningful use?

Panel 3: Vendors

What is the experience of vendors in implementing meaningful use in their systems, and how can that inform meaningful use Stage 3?

- Which core and menu objectives have posed the greatest challenges in attempting to implement them (and why)?
- What have been the challenges in implementing the clinical quality measures?
- How long will it take to implement the proposed Stage 2 objectives?
- How are customers implementing their systems: ASP, local install, etc?
- What challenges are customers facing in deploying their systems?
- Comment specifically on support of health information exchange.
- Comment specifically on sharing data with patients.
- What image capture, storage, and review capabilities does your system have?