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OFFICE OF e-HEALTH INITIATIVES

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*The weekly lowdown on the Office of e-Health Initiatives' collaborative mission to advance electronic health information exchange in Tennessee.*

<b>Office of e-Health Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ Organizing a series of weekly, regional conference calls with state Medicaid, e-Health officials in the southeast to discuss common and cross-border solutions related to health information exchange and health information technology. Initial topics include patient volume, provider communications, vendor solutions and additional meaningful use requirements. The first call is Thursday, April 1.</li><li>✚ e-Health in the news: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ydpylll">http://tinyurl.com/ydpylll</a> &amp; <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yexcyzd">http://tinyurl.com/yexcyzd</a></li><li>✚ Follow the Office of e-Health on Twitter<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="http://www.twitter.com/TNeHealth">www.twitter.com/TNeHealth</a></li><li>○ Text <b>FOLLOW TNeHealth</b> to <b>40404</b> from your mobile phone</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>From the Feds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ <b>National Web-Based Teleconference on Patient Empowerment</b><p><i>Leveraging Health Information Technology for Patient Empowerment</i> A free 90-minute teleconference that will explore the latest research on how patients can utilize health IT to increase participation in their healthcare.</p><p><b>Date:</b> April 8, 2010 <b>Time:</b> 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., EST <b>Register:</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9tvkwd">http://tinyurl.com/y9tvkwd</a></p><p><i>Sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) National Resource Center for Health IT</i></p></li><li>✚ <b>Controlled Substance Electronic Prescribing</b><p>The Office of the Federal Register has made available for public inspection an Interim Final Rule with Request for Comments from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice on Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances. The Interim Final Rule specifies the rules that health care providers will need to follow in order to electronically prescribe controlled substances in accordance with the law. The Interim Final Rule is expected to be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, March 31 and will include a 60 day comment period. View at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ydjggas">http://tinyurl.com/ydjggas</a>.</p></li><li>✚ <b>Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC)</b><p>HITPC will host a short conference call, Monday, April 5th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ET to discuss their comments on the Certification interim final rule. Members of the public may listen in via phone (there will be no Web conference).</p><p><b>Dial In:</b> 1-877-705-6006</p><p>For more information on the HIT Policy Committee, visit: <a href="http://healthit.hhs.gov/PolicyCommittee">http://healthit.hhs.gov/PolicyCommittee</a></p></li></ul>

<p><b>Meaningful Use FAQ</b></p>	<p>✚ <b>Q.</b> If an eligible professional uses a certified electronic health record (EHR) technology in a meaningful way in accordance with the adopted regulations, and meets the requirements established by CMS, could that professional receive both the Medicare EHR incentive payment as well as the Medicaid EHR incentive payment?</p> <p><b>A.</b> No, an eligible professional may only receive an EHR incentive payment under either the Medicare program or the Medicaid program. CMS addresses the issue of duplicative payments under Medicare and Medicaid in the proposed rule for the EHR incentive program published on January 13, 2010.</p> <p><b>More at:</b> <a href="https://questions.cms.hhs.gov">https://questions.cms.hhs.gov</a></p>
<p><b>News Clips</b></p>	<p><b>Distinguished Scholar to get Chance to Put Theory into Practice as Medicare Chief (Los Angeles Times)</b>  Donald Berwick, President Obama's likely pick to run the Medicare and Medicaid at a time when government's biggest medical insurance programs are central to the newly enacted healthcare overhaul, has been a sometimes-provocative advocate for more efficient delivery of patient care. A professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Berwick is best known in healthcare circles for founding and running the Institute for Health Care Improvement, a 19-year-old think tank focused on "cultivating promising concepts for improving patient care and turning those ideas into action."  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yece4q">http://tinyurl.com/yece4q</a></p> <p><b>Reform act offers IT help for long-term care (Modern Healthcare)</b>  When the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 became law last year, its healthcare information technology subsidy program had provisions for hospitals, doctors and even some dentists, but not long-term-care facilities.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yblyetq">http://tinyurl.com/yblyetq</a></p> <p><b>Many Kidney Donors, Recipients Favor Information Exchange (Modern Medicine)</b>  However, health professionals more likely to oppose sharing health information  Potential kidney transplant recipients and donors generally favor the exchange of personal health information, suggesting that future policies should weigh which information is relevant, how to use it in context, and how to get consent from all the parties involved, according to research published online March 18 in the <i>Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology</i>.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ye7ho35">http://tinyurl.com/ye7ho35</a></p> <p><b>The Broadband Paradox (San Francisco Chronicle)</b>  Why have some parts of the economy greatly improved their performance through information technology while others lag far behind? High-speed networks allow us to exchange information with our banks - withdrawing, depositing and managing our money - in nearly every corner of the world.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yd3mcyj">http://tinyurl.com/yd3mcyj</a></p> <p><b>Health Information Exchanges -- To Lead or To Follow (iHealth Beat)</b>  As hospitals continue to wait for the final definition of "meaningful use" one year after passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, one critical requirement outlined in the HITECH Act is off the table for now -- Health Information Exchanges.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y8zveuy">http://tinyurl.com/y8zveuy</a></p>