



Speak Out...What are Your Thoughts on Stimulus for HIT?

Comments collected from BlueWare's Booth at HIMSS 2010

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- Use OCR!!!
- CMS Staff are medical pros!
- The story needs to stay in the medical records.
- Show me the money!
- For small hospitals, the stimulus is the only way we can afford it
- All digital electronic health records should provide clinical information, but technical jargon
- Use GS1 standards
- All for it! --from Philadelphia PA
- Physicians need to keep track of patients labs, tests, meds, etc. to improve quality of care

MIDDLE

- Hey, it's cash...what's wrong with cash?
- As an Englishman, coming from socialized medicine, all people—all states need to be UNITED in order for this to work
- Great concept, but needs a lot more detail and funded resources dedicated to working out the detail
- It's all about policy, the IT comes after!
- Let's help the people that need the help NOW, for those of us who have coverage, we can wait.
- Needs further definition
- Integration is the key
- HIT is an essential endpoint, but stimulus is not necessarily the best/fastest way to achieve it
- It is the right thing to do, BUT we need some direction
- NO strings attached, right??

AGAINST

- Stimulus is good, Obamacare Bad
- We are already in the red, more taxes, more wait time—less coverage—vote them out!
- Can we clearly define meaningful use?
- Stimulus package should go to the 200 million tax payers in America
- If we only knew what would be stimulated...economy??
- My data is not for sale!
- You can't make the rules if you're not the medical professional.
- I'm from Massachusetts, and it takes 10 months to get an appointment for a physical—then 4 more if you need to reschedule
- It is every clinician/providers job to be involved and lead this initiative
- Prevention is key. One visit to your GP per year will save 65 billion in healthcare cost
- Rich get richer
- Let the physicians pay for it!
- Can't fix healthcare with a government regulatory/adversarial relationship, it has to be collegial.
- Are the MU payments considered taxable income?