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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

LUMEDX's Commitment to Enabling Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records

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The HITECH Act

Recently President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Key to healthcare providers is the portion known as the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act), which allocates increased funding to healthcare providers for better utilization of information technology. The Act advocates the use of information technology to manage healthcare data to help contain costs, improve patient safety and enhance quality of care.

\$17.2 billion for Healthcare IT

In brief, the stimulus package dedicates \$17.2 billion funding for healthcare information technology incentive payments under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This includes temporary Medicare incentive payments beginning during federal fiscal year 2011 for hospitals and non-hospital-based physicians that prove “meaningful use of electronic health records.”

“Meaningful use” is currently defined as utilization of certified electronic health record (EHR) systems that include patient demographic and clinical information. These systems must have the capacity to provide clinical decision support and exchange/integrate electronic health information from other services.

The Need for Data That's Accurate, Accessible and Granular

While the definition of “meaningful use” is still evolving, accurate and accessible *granular* data is clearly a cornerstone of the HITECH Act. For over 15 years LUMEDX has delivered highly accessible data granularity through a comprehensive set of data and image management applications—including the most powerful clinical SQL database on the market, Apollo Advance—and unsurpassed connectivity via our portfolio of over 100 interfaces.

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Enabling and Enriching the EHR

Traditional EHRs cannot match the depth and breadth of clinical patient data that LUMEDX delivers. By publishing a seamless stream of data and images from interfaces, registries, PACS, clinical reporting and analytical tools, LUMEDX enables and enriches the EHR. More than 600 clients worldwide use LUMEDX solutions to collect, consolidate, analyze and distribute crucial clinical information.

LUMEDX solutions:

- Are **interoperable, scalable, vendor-neutral**
- Are designed to **meet today's need for transparent, performance-based healthcare**
- Support a **continuum of users and collaborative care**
- **Enrich the EHR** with more detailed, granular data
- Support
 - **Registry participation**
 - **Physician documentation**
 - **DICOM imaging**
 - **Analytics and reporting**
 - **Single-point-of-entry systems**

As more HITECH funding details emerge, LUMEDX remains committed and ideally positioned to provide our valued clients with tools that are essential to helping them furnish their EHRs with data that is both comprehensive and granular, enabling better decision-making and ultimately better patient care. With a long and successful history of supporting integration and interoperability, we are dedicated to helping our clients achieve meaningful use of their EHRs.

Contact LUMEDX to learn more how this unique moment offers us the opportunity to work together to foster innovation—and true healthcare transformation. Email sales@lumedx.com.

For more information about the HITECH Act of 2009, see also:

http://www.lumedx.com/news/2009/2009_HITECH_ACT.asp