

RIO GRANDE VALLEY HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT



Prepare Your Practice for Electronic Health Records

Location: UT Brownsville Campus | School of Public Health

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Event Date: June 11, 2011

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009. The health information technology component of the bill, the HITECH Act, paves the way for you to adopt health information technology in your practice. If you are a Medicare provider, you could earn a bonus of up to \$44,000 for “meaningful use” of electronic medical records (EMRs) through 2015. Medicaid physicians can earn up to \$63,750. But in 2015, the carrot becomes a stick, and physicians who are not using an EMR effectively will face penalties. If you are among the nearly half of physicians who are planning to implement an EMR, this conference offers an opportunity for you to learn how to take advantage of the EHR incentives.

Medicare Incentive Schedule

First Payment Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Maximum Potential
2011	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	-	\$44,000
2012		\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$44,000
2013			\$15,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$39,000
2014				\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$24,000

Eligible physicians who work in health professional shortage areas may be eligible for a 10-percent increase in incentive payments.

Medicaid Incentive Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Adopting, implementing, and upgrading an EMR	\$21,250				
Meaningfully operating and maintaining an EMR	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500



Find out how to qualify for EHR Incentives



Learn how EHRs can improve efficiency of care and outcomes for your patients

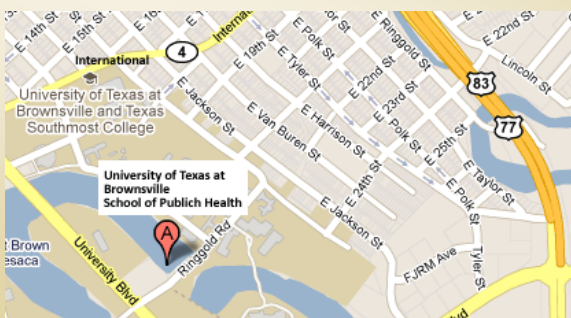


Learn about Health Information Exchange and Privacy & Security



Explore Education and Workforce opportunities

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EHR Vendors will be onsite for demos

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