

Responding to Regulations Proposing a Definition of “Meaningful Use” and Setting Standards for Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

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Faculty

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
 - Steven S. Lazarus, Moderator, Boundary Information Group and Health IT Certification, LLC
- ▶ ONC Meaningful Use Final Rule with Comment
 - Jane Eckels, Davis Wright Tremaine
- ▶ CMS Meaningful Use Incentives NPRM
 - Margret Amatayakul, Margret\A Consulting and Health IT Certification, LLC
- ▶ Implications for Provider, Payers, Vendor, and the Government
 - William R. (Bill) Braithwaite, Anakam, Inc.

Vendor Issues

- ▶ Many EHR vendors will have to make significant changes in their software and installation approach
 - Standard data definitions
 - Clinical decision support so that performance can improve
 - There may not be a clear upgrade path from present software to software that can be certified for meaningful use
 - Many vendor products are currently configured for “familiarity with paper” and low cost
 - EHR certification to support Meaningful Use will require a different approach
 - Need to consider ICD-10 for billing as part of the software functionality



Payer Issues

- ▶ Non-Medicare payers will have to make their own decisions about the use of “Meaningful Use”
 - Medicare metrics for Meaningful Use may not be the same ones that are best suited to non-Medicare populations
 - Healthcare Reform legislation may have an impact on payer’s approach to Meaningful Use
 - Payers may provide financial and other support/assistance to providers to adopt EHRs
 - Payers have significant investments underway to satisfy 5010 and ICD-10 CMS regulatory requirements

Audience Questions and Panel Discussion



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