

HIT: Is Medicaid Keeping Pace?

*...The Answer from CMS'
Perspective*



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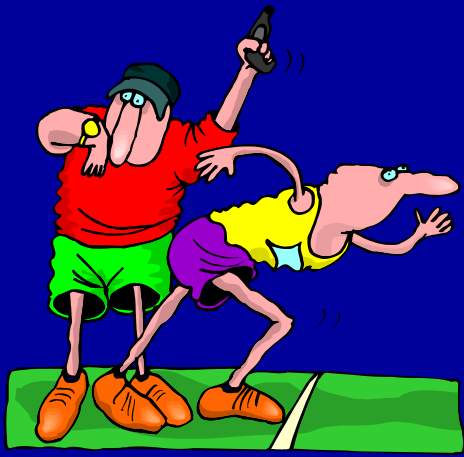
It Depends On What Is Meant By “HIT”

- Use of information technology to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the Medicaid program?
- Use of IT to improve patient outcomes?



It Depends On What Is Meant By “Medicaid”

- Federal “Medicaid” vs State “Medicaid”
- 51 Different state programs
- Multiple service delivery approaches within any one state



It Depends On What Is Meant By “Keeping Pace”

- Who are the HIT “leaders”?
- How is HIT “success” defined?
- Where is the rest of the pack with whom Medicaid can judge the extent to which it is keeping pace?

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And the Answer is...

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



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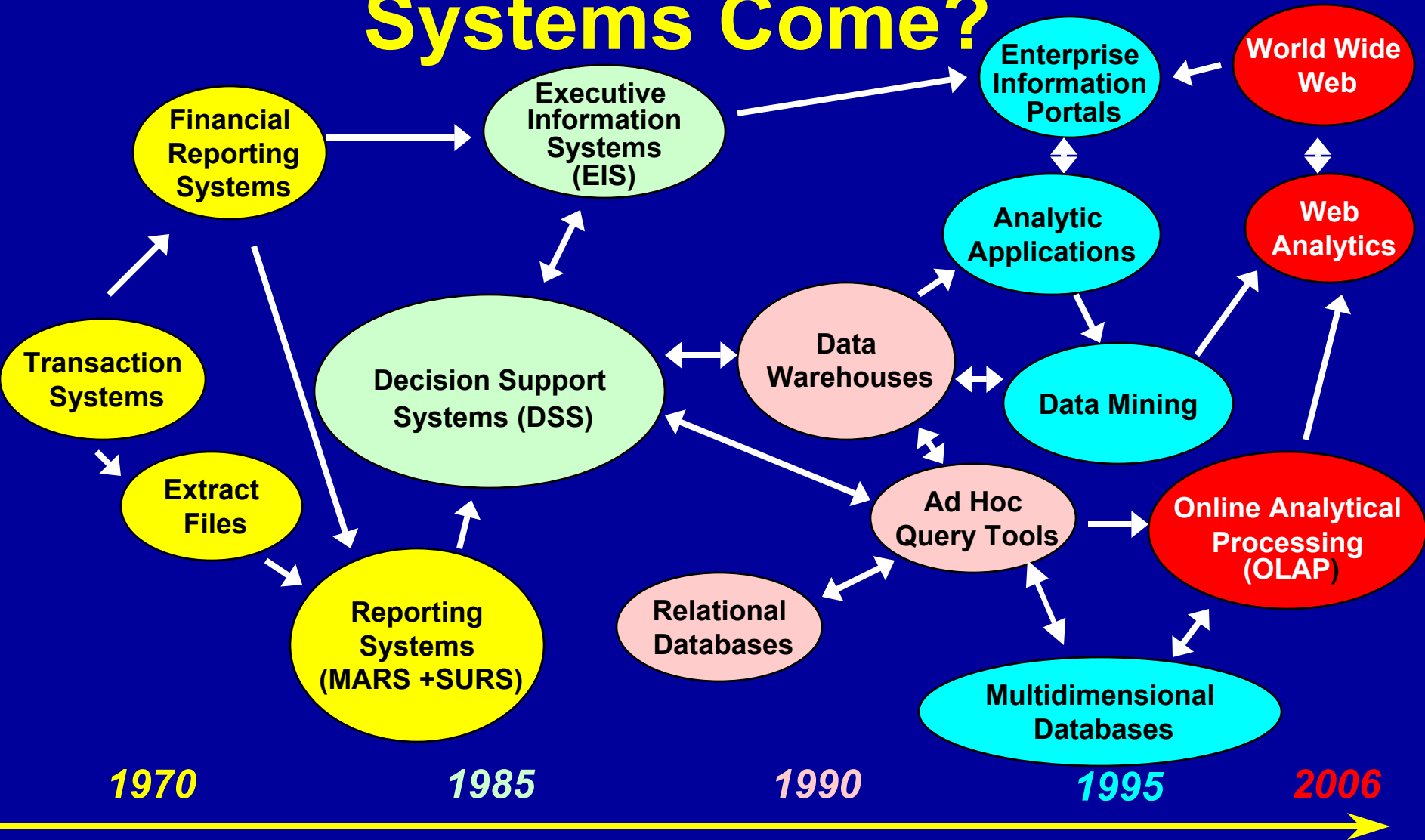
YES !



YES

- **Increased Reliance on and Use of HIPAA Standards**
- **Increased Data Sharing Across Intra-state Silos**
- **CMS Medicaid IT Architecture (MITA)**

How Far Have Medicaid Systems Come?



What Is the Medicaid IT Architecture (MITA)?

1. **An *INITIATIVE*** -- to promote improvements in the Medicaid enterprise and systems that support it through collaboration between CMS and the States
2. **A *FRAMEWORK*** -- that provides a blueprint consisting of models, guidelines and principles to be used by States as they implement enterprise solutions

Where Is MITA Going?

NEW SYSTEMS
Design & Implement

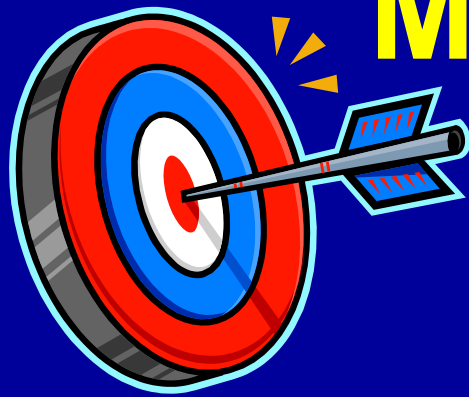
HEALTH CARE DELIVERY
Improve Quality & Efficiency

HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES
*Improve Beneficiary & Population
Health*

MITA's Guiding Principles



- **Business-driven enterprise architecture**
- **Commonalities and Differences co-exist**
- **Standards first**
- **Built-in Security and Privacy**
- **Data consistency across the Enterprise**



MITA's Goals

1. *Environment* -- flexibility, adaptability, rapid response to program/technology changes

2. *Enterprise view* -- technologies aligned with Medicaid business processes/technologies

3. *Coordinate* -- with public health and other partners to *integrate health outcomes*

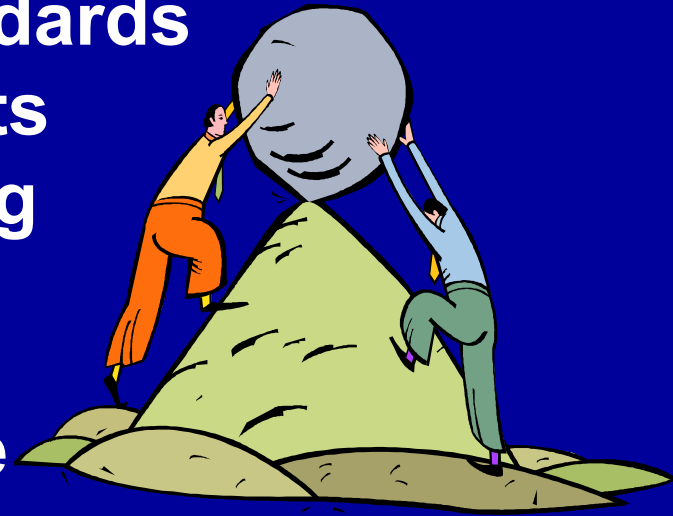
4. *Systems* -- interoperable with common stds

5. *Data* -- timely, accurate, usable, accessible

6. *Performance measures*

MITA's Objectives

- Adopt data and industry standards
- Promote reusable components
- Efficient effective data sharing
- Provide a beneficiary-focus
- Support interoperability, integration, open architecture
- Promote secure data exchange
- Support integration of clinical and admin data
- Promote good practices – CMM, etc



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NO !



No

- Medicaid programs are not currently incorporating EHR, ePrescribing, PHR, etc. into their basic claims processing systems
- Most Medicaid managers remain skeptical that the benefits actually outweigh the costs in the short run
- The incentives are not currently there to look beyond today's "crisis d'jour"

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MAYBE...



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- **The Medicaid Concept of Operations is shifting toward a more HIT-receptive one**
- **Increasing emphasis on an “enterprise view” is driving more states toward HIT adoption**
- **A combination of diverse forces at the state and federal level are fostering a climate within Medicaid to climb onto the HIT bandwagon**

Today's National HIT Landscape

Enterprise-wide Systems

Federal systems
CDC's PHIN
MMIS
IES
Other State systems



State and Local HIT Initiatives

AHRQ Grants
HRSA Grants
NLM Grants
CMS' DOQ-IT
EHR Adoption
eRx Adoption
Personnel Health Records