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ONC Shares HIT Committee August Meeting Recommendations, Announcements Opportunity To Comment On Recommendations At September 15 HIT Committee Meeting

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As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is required to publicize the Health Information Technology Standards Committee (Committee) recommendations in the Federal Register and provide for public input.

During its August 20, 2009 meeting, ONC reports that the Committee's recommendations focused on the following areas:

- Clinical Quality
- Clinical Operations
- Privacy and Security.

Individuals wishing to make comments on the Committee's August 20, 2009, recommendations may present oral comments at the Committee's next meeting on September 15, 2009, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20008. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person.

All recommendations from the August 20, 2009 meeting may be found <http://healthhit.hhs.gov/%20standardscommittee>.

• Clinical Quality

The Clinical Quality recommendations pertain to the appropriate standardized performance measures that correspond to the HIT Policy Committee's 2011 Meaningful Use Measures. The recommendations include 30 quality performance measures and the data types required for each, of which National Quality Forum (NQF)-endorsed measures can either be retooled for use in an Electronic Health Record (EHR) or will require attestation for the foreseeable future.

• Clinical Operations

The Clinical Operations recommendations focus on standards for 2011 Meaningful Use, including quality data reporting, messaging formats, and all the vocabularies necessary for semantic interoperability.

• Privacy and Security

The Privacy and Security recommendations focus on authentication, authorization, auditing and secure data transmission standards as well as Meaningful Use measures related to HIPAA compliance. The Privacy & Security recommendations appear [here](#).

• Procedure

A separate notice announcing this meeting has been published in the Federal Register and provides additional information.

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