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# Update from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

## Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)

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# Topics

- **January 2009 milestones**
- **Health IT in ARRA**
- **(NeHC)**
- **(Gaps, extensions, use case)**



# January 2009: Round 2 Standards Recognized

- Interoperability Standards Recognized by Secretary Leavitt
  - Electronic Health Records Laboratory Results Reporting (IS01)
  - Biosurveillance (IS02)
  - Consumer Empowerment and Access to Clinical Information via Networks (IS03)
  - Emergency Responder Electronic Health Record (IS04)
  - Consumer Empowerment and Access to Clinical Information via Media (IS05)
  - plus referenced Constructs and Selected Standards

# January 2009: Interoperability Standards Accepted by Secretary Leavitt

- Updates to Existing Interoperability Specifications (and Referenced Constructs):
    - IS02, IS03, IS04, IS05
  - New Interoperability Specifications (and Referenced Constructs):
    - Medication Management (IS07)
    - Personalized Healthcare (IS08)
    - Consultations and Transfers of Care (IS09)
    - Immunizations and Response Management (IS10)
    - Public Health Case Reporting (IS11)
    - Patient-Provider Secure Messaging (IS12)
    - Remote Monitoring (IS77)
- plus*
- Document Reliable Interchange Transaction (T31)

# President Obama's First Weekly Address

## Saturday, January 24th, 2009

“To lower health care cost, cut medical errors, and improve care, **we'll computerize the nation's health records in five years**, saving billions of dollars in health care costs and countless lives.”

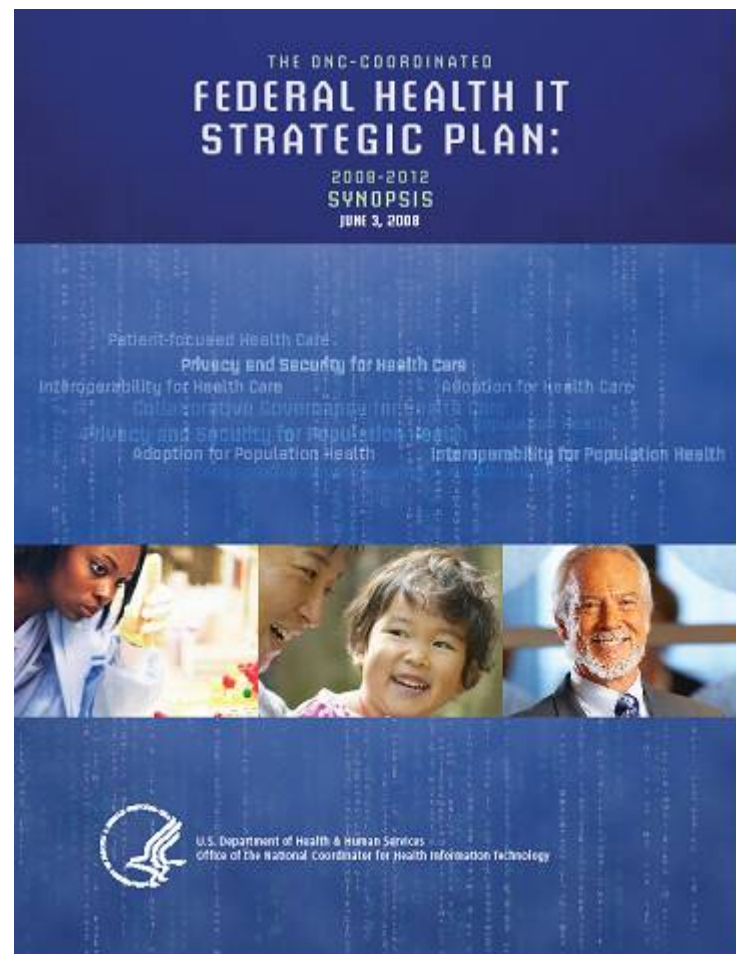


# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 [H.R.1]

- \$2B for the “Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology” to carry out Title XIII of the Act [HITECH Act]
- Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT codified and duties enumerated

# The ONC-Coordinated Federal Health IT Strategic Plan: 2008 - 2012

- Released June 2008
- Lays out the health IT agenda: the Collaboration
- 5-year plan: 2008 - 2012
- Two goals, eight objectives, 43 strategies
  - Measure for each objective
  - Milestone for each strategy
- Details current activities of Federal agencies
- Explicitly referenced in the HITECH Act



# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 *(1 of 6)*

- **Chief Privacy Officer in ONC**
  - Privacy provisions
- **Health IT Policy Committee [FACA]**
  - “...**shall** recommend a **policy framework** for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is **consistent with the strategic plan**...”



# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 (2 of 6)

- **Health IT Standards Committee [FACA]**
  - “...**to recommend** to the National Coordinator **standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria** for the electronic exchange and use of health information...consistent with the implementation of the **strategic plan...in accordance with policies** developed by the HIT Policy Committee.”
- **Initial set of standards**
  - “**Not later than December 31, 2009, the Secretary shall...adopt an initial set** of standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria”
  - Those already adopted through the existing process “may be applied towards meeting the requirement.”

# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 *(3 of 6)*

- **Voluntary application and use of adopted standards and implementation specifications by private entities**
- **Required use of adopted standards by Federal agencies**
  - As each agency “implements, acquires, or upgrades health information technology systems used for the direct exchange of individually identifiable health information between agencies and with non-Federal entities”
  - “...the President shall take measures to ensure that Federal activities involving the broad collection and submission of health information are consistent with such standard or implementation specification, respectively, within three years after the date of such adoption ”

# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 *(4 of 6)*

- **Reports**

- On ADOPTION of a “nationwide system for the electronic use and exchange of health information”
- On REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVES
  - For improving health care quality in Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and free clinics
- On AGING SERVICES TECHNOLOGIES

# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 *(5 of 6)*

- **National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST)**
  - Shall test standards and implementation specifications
  - Support conformance testing
  - Issue grants
    - Multidisciplinary Health Care Information Enterprise Integration Research Center

# Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act [HITECH Act] in H.R.1 *(6 of 6)*

## *Grants and Loans*

- Health IT Extension Program
- State Grants to Promote Health IT
- Competitive Grants to States and Indian Tribes for Loan Programs
- Demonstration Programs to Integrate IT into Clinical Programs
- IT Professionals in Health Care

# The “Take-Aways”

- 1. Health IT is essential for health care reform to patient-focused health and care.**
- 2. The Obama Administration has set ambitious goals for health IT and is investing accordingly.**
- 3. Health information interoperability takes a big leap forward this year.**

# For More Information:

[www.hhs.gov/healthit](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit)