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President's Message
Joe Wagner, MPA, FHIMSS

Well another great HIMSS Annual event has occurred in Las Vegas! With a new attendance record set of more than 37,000 attendees! The vendor floor was so large it had to be split between 2 floors to accommodate all of the new vendors in attendance. This premier show continues to grow each year and the sessions improve as well. I want to thank those in attendance for our NY HIMSS Chapter networking session as well. We had well over 100 people show up for this event. IT was a "Who's Who" of New York Healthcare Leaders in the State. Next year I promise to get a larger room for this popular event. Please be sure to mark your calendars for our New York Mini-HIMSS event. This will take place at the Lighthouse on April 27th only a few short weeks away!

Best Regards,
Joe

Joe Wagner, MPA, FHIMSS
President, HIMSS NYS Chapter

Stage 2 Meaningful Use, Implementation Standards, and Certification Criteria: An Overview of the Proposed Rules, Wednesday March 14, 2012

A HIMSS Virtual Briefing: Wednesday March 14, 2012

Join nationally recognized experts for an in-depth review of the new NPRMs to gain an understanding on their implications for your organization's future of achieving Meaningful Use Stage 2.

There have been many gains made in healthcare in its goal to meet Meaningful Use Stage 1 compliance. New research from HIMSS Analytics reported a 16 percent increase, from 25 to 41 percent in the seven months from February to September 2011, in hospitals being well positioned to meet Stage 1 of meaningful use. The data indicates more eligible hospitals are likely to succeed in meeting the criteria for this first stage of meaningful use, an important step as healthcare providers strive to become meaningful users of health information technology. As of Sept. 30, 2011, CMS reported 2,215 eligible hospitals have registered for Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs; 564 hospitals (158/Medicare and 406/Medicaid) have received payment for meeting Stage 1 of meaningful use, as of this same date.

As healthcare providers are in the midst of working towards Stage 1 compliance, the Department of Health and Human Services has released three new Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements, Standards Implementation Specifics, and Certification Criteria. This proposed rule, applicable to eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) delineates Stage 2 criteria that must be met in order to qualify for Medicare and/or Medicaid electronic health record (EHR) incentive payments. Additionally, pay adjustments under Medicare for covered professional and hospital services provided by EPs, eligible hospitals and CAHs failing to demonstrate meaningful use are outlined. This proposed rule includes revision to certain Stage 1 criteria, a proposed 1 year delay for Stage 2 and refines the term "meaningful use". Changes to Stage 1 of meaningful use would take effect for 2103, but most would be optional until 2014.

How does your organization prepare for these new regulations? What will their effect be on the compliance steps your organization is already putting in place? How can you help ensure your organization doesn't fall behind schedule? Join nationally recognized experts for an in-depth review of the new NPRMs to gain an understanding on their implications for your organization's future of achieving Meaningful Use Stage 2.

Register now!

NYAM Author Night Series - Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer, 2nd Edition, Wednesday, March 21, 2012
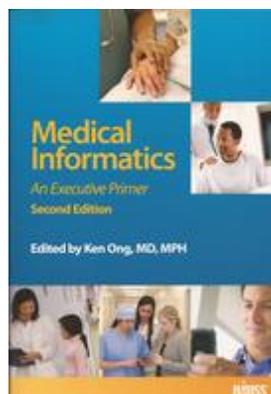
Springtime in New York is just around the corner.

That means the Author Night for 'Medical Informatics: an Executive Primer' at the New York Academy of Medicine on March 21st is approaching.

If you haven't registered yet, registration is still open. Event details and registration can be accessed at: http://www.nyam.org/events/2012/2012-03-21.html.

In preparation for the event, we're collecting a list of questions and comments for our panel.

Click here to post your questions or comments

- **Sponsors:** New York Academy of Medicine, maxIT, HIMSS NYS, Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, & Columbia's Center for Advanced Information Management

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012

- **Time:** 5:30PM: Check-in and Refreshments, 6:00-7:00PM: Presentation, 7:00-7:30 PM Networking

- **Location:** The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street, New York, NY 10029

- **Speaker(s):**

  - Ken Ong, MD, MPH, CMIO of New York Hospital Queens

  - Abha Agrawal, MD, FACP, Medical Director of Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, NY

  - Rachel Block, Deputy Commissioner for Health Information Technology

Transformation in the New York State Department of Health

- Curtis Cole, MD, Chief Information Officer for Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City

- Deborah Johnson-Ingram, Senior Program Manager on the Performance Improvement Team with Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC) in New York City

- Joseph Kannry, MD, Lead Technical Informaticist on the EMR Clinical Transformation Group at Mount Sinai

- Glenn Martin, MD, Director of Medical Informatics for the Queens Health Network (QHN) in New York, a winner of the Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence

- Amanda Parsons, MD, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Health Care Access & Improvement, NYC DOHMH

- Jason Shapiro, MD, MA, Associate Professor and Chief of the Division of Informatics in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai

- Mytri Pritam Singh, MPH, Executive Director of Implementation at the Primary Care Information Project (PCIP), a Bureau within the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH)

- Alan Silver, MD, MPH, Medical Director at IPRO, a non-profit health care assessment and quality improvement company
- Salvatore Volpe, MD, FAAP, FACP, CHCQM, Physician Liaison and Clinical Champion for the NYC DOH Primary Care Information Project and NYC REACH (Regional Extension Center)

Click here for more details.

Registration Information
Cost: Free, but advance registration required
Register now

Save the Date 4/27/2012: New York State Mini-HIMSS Conference

- **Date & Time:**Friday, April 27, 2012; 8:00am – 4:00pm; Cocktail Reception to Follow

- **Location:** Lighthouse International, 111 E 59th Street, New York, NY

- **Registration:** Information to follow

Program

- 7:45 – 9:00 AM: Registration/Continental breakfast/Vendor Networking

- 9:00 – 9:15 AM: Introduction/Welcome - Joe Wagner, President

- 9:15 - 9:30 AM: HIMSS Board Welcome - Ken Ong, MD, MPH

- 9:30 – 10:30 AM: 1st Keynote Speaker, Learnings from the NYS EHR implementations to date- Impacts on Quality of Care, Amanda Parsons, MD, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Health Care Access & Improvement, NYC DOHMH

- 10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

- 10:45 – 11:45 AM: 2nd Keynote Speaker, NYS Priorities for Health IT Transformation - Rachel Block, Deputy Commissioner for Health IT Transformation for New York State

- 11:45 – 1:30 PM: Lunch/Vendor Fair/Networking

- 1:30 – 2:30 PM: 3rd Keynote Speaker, SHIN-NY 2.0 - Dave Whitlinger, Executive Director of New York eHealth Collaborative

- 2:30 – 2:45 PM: Break

- 2:45 – 3:45 PM: Breakout session 1: Meaningful Use Stage 2, Ken Ong, MD, MPH, CMIO, New York Hospital Queens

- 2:45 – 3:45 PM: Breakout session 2: Behavioral Health, Blaine Atkins, Director Applications Support at Phoenix House

- 3:45 – 4:45 PM: Breakout session 3: ACO, Alan Gilbert, MPA, FHIMSS, Vice President, Business Development at AxSys Health Corporation

- 4:45 – 6:15 PM: Networking Reception

George T. (Buddy) Hickman Appointed 2013 CHIME Board of Directors

George T. (Buddy) Hickman, FCHIME, FHIMSS, CPHIMS, CHCIO

George Hickman is Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Albany Medical Center in New York's Capital Region. George is responsible for overseeing all information technology activities throughout the medical center's hospital, physician faculty practice and medical college. Prior to joining Albany Med, he was a partner with Ernst & Young LLP.

This is George's third academic CIO post. He also has worked with Price Waterhouse Coopers and started his career as a hospital project engineer. He has worked with health provider organizations across the U.S. as well as for the Ministry of Health in Singapore and the U.K Health Authority and publishes frequently on healthcare IT and operational change topics.

George is the board Chair-elect, a charter member, a Fellow and a New York StateNet representative for the College of Healthcare Informatics Management Executives (CHIME).

He was awarded the 2007 CHIME/HIMSS John E. Gall, Jr. CIO of the Year.

He is past board chair, past executive compensation committee chair, and a Fellow for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and is the HIMSS New York State National Liaison. He is also a past HIMSS Analytics board member.

George is an advisory board member emeritus for KLAS and sits on the editorial advisory board for healthsystemcio.com as well as several associational, local, state and vendor industry committees.

He is a frequent speaker and lecturer on a variety of health IT-related topics and has published extensively on a variety of health IT-related topics, including co-authoring, The Healthcare IT Planning Fieldbook.

He holds a BS and an MS in engineering from the University of Tennessee.

2012 Digital Health Conference Call for Speakers
New York eHealth Collaborative

Calling all Health IT Innovators and Thought Leaders

The New York eHealth Collaborative is now accepting speaker applications for the 2012 Digital Health Conference (DHC) taking place on October 15-16, at New York City's Pier Sixty. Speakers from across the healthcare industry are encouraged to apply.

Target topics for the DHC include, but are not limited to:

- Healthcare innovations and progress

- Health information exchange

- Advances in chronic care management

- Medicaid Redesign

- Meaningful Use

- NYS Health Homes

- Healthcare apps

- Software solutions

We will present academic research and in-the-field experience, sharing best practices and displaying emerging health IT tools. All ideas for speaking topics or presentations are welcome, and the best, and most relevant, will be invited to speak.

How to Apply

To submit a proposal to speak, please visit www.digitalhealthconference.com

The deadline for speaker applications is March 23rd, 2012.

About the Digital Health Conference

At NYeC's inaugural 2011 Conference—the first event of its kind in New York City—over 600 healthcare providers, healthcare technology companies, IT startups, public officials, hospital leaders, and others convened to discuss the latest health IT initiatives, share best practices, celebrate achievements, and promote the advancement of healthcare innovation through technology.

For more information, including inquires about sponsorships, contact dhc@nyehealth.org.

Two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) related to Stage 2 Meaningful Use Released
HealthIT.gov

The Department of Health and Human Services has just released two notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRMs) related to Stage 2 Meaningful Use, the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs that detail proposed expectations for providers and the Standards & Certification Criteria (S&CC) that delineate proposed requirements for certified EHR products. The vast majority of the proposed criteria derive from the two federal advisory committees that have been lauded as a model for public, open and transparent policy making processes.

The February 24th announcement of the second stage of the three stage process, reflects the desire to create ambitious, but achievable goals that enable eligible professionals and hospitals to make incremental progress in adopting and implementing electronic health records (EHRs). The three stages are:

- Stage 1 (which began in 2011 and remains the starting point for all providers): "meaningful use" consists of transferring data to EHRs and being able to share information, including electronic copies and visit summaries for patients.

- Stage 2 (to be implemented in 2014 under the proposed rule): "meaningful use" includes standards such as online access for patients to their health information and electronic health information exchange between providers.

- Stage 3 (expected to be implemented in 2016): "meaningful use" includes demonstrating that the quality of health care has been improved.

The proposed rules focus on using EHRs to improve health and health care while reducing the burden on physicians and hospitals where possible.

CMS' proposed rule would specify the Stage 2 criteria that eligible providers must meet in order to qualify for Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR incentive payments. It also would specify Medicare payment adjustments that, beginning in 2015, providers will face if they fail to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology and to meet other program participation requirements. In addition, as announced in a November 2011 "We Can't Wait" announcement, Stage 1 has been extended an additional year for providers who attested in 2011 – meaning that these providers will have to attest to Stage 2 in 2014, instead of in 2013.

The proposed rule announced by ONC identifies standards and criteria for the certification of EHR technology, so eligible professionals and hospitals can be sure that the systems they adopt are capable of performing the required functions to demonstrate either stage of meaningful use that would be in effect starting in 2014.

Together, these rules will encourage even more providers to participate and support more coordinated, patient-centered care.

As we noted above, the NPRMs represent proposals. We look forward to continued input from the public via the 60-day public comment process, which inform decision making regarding the final rules that will be released this summer.

For more information on the Stage 2 Meaningful Use NPRM, visit www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/meaningful-use-stage-2.

Health Data Initiative Forum III ("Health Datapalooza")
HealthIT.gov

June 5-6, 2012
Walter E. Washington Convention Center Washington, D.C.
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We are excited to announce the 3rd Annual Health Data Initiative Forum (aka "Health Datapalooza 2012") will be held June 5 - 6, 2012 at the Convention Center in Washington D.C. This event promises to bring together a diverse group of data experts, technology developers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, health care system leaders, CIOs, CTOs, consumers, and community advocates to support innovative applications of health and health care data. Register now at www.hdiforum.org to receive updates and a notification when registration opens and/or apply to present or exhibit – deadline for submissions is March 30th!

Building on momentum from the launch of ONC's Consumer e-Health Program last fall, this year's Datapalooza will dedicate one of its three tracks specifically to consumer e-health. Members of ONC's Pledge Community (www.healthit.gov/pledge) and others working to engage consumers as partners in their health through information technology are strongly encouraged to participate.

Attend the Health Datapalooza! Sign up for registration updates
The Forum will allow for up to 1,000 people to attend, and will feature keynote addresses, an Apps Expo, demonstrations of new, cutting-edge apps, and thought-provoking panel discussions. It is a great opportunity to be in on the vanguard of data applications to improve health and health care. This year's event is one you do not want to miss!

Go to www.hdiforum.org to sign up to receive updates and a notification when registration opens. A complete website with the program agenda and meeting details will be available in

early March.

Apply to Showcase Your Work at Health Datapalooza! Submissions due by March 30th
The submission link is now available for those interested in:

1. presenting an app or product during the main session,

2. demonstrating an app or product in another session (apps demos or breakout sessions),

3. having a table in the Apps Expo,

4. making an "action beat" announcement of important, breaking news about your organization's use of health data.

To apply, go to www.hdiforum.org and click on the link to present. This will redirect you to a Health 2.0 website where you can complete the online submission form. Once received, your organization will be given additional detail and dates regarding the "virtual audition" process.

The deadline for innovators to submit their application forms is Friday, March 30th. Additional details will follow for those organizations selected to participate in the virtual audition. Notification of placement in the Forum will be made by Monday, April 23.

We are excited about the 2012 Health Data Initiative Forum: The Health Datapalooza – and hope you are too! Sign up for your update today!

Meaningful Use — The Whiteboard Story

From the Advisory Board

Stage 1 Final Rule Meaningful Use Objectives and Measures Compared to Stage 2 Proposed Measures: http://www.advisory.com/Research/IT-Strategy-Council/Resources/Posters/2012/Meaningful-use-the-whiteboard-story

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5. This is the shopping cart. At the bottom, please enter the Promo Code EPSTU, and select "apply discount". Then select "check out". Note, this ensures your registration in the EP Community; it does not confer a discount to the student membership rate.

6. Finally, enter you payment information and select "Place my order".

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