

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

A Health Care Solution Democrats & Republicans Can Agree On

But a Proposed CMS Rule Could Get In the Way



More than 275 Senators and Representatives, Democrats and Republicans, have it right by questioning a new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rule on electronic health records.*

The new CMS rule proposes strict requirements that constrain hospitals as they work to implement new EHR systems, imposing a one-size-fits-all policy that ignores upfront cost, time and logistical challenges.

America's hospitals are committed to the expansion and use of electronic health records. Congress and the AHA urge CMS to adopt an incremental and realistic policy, one that recognizes flexible criteria for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs.

**CMS: Promote the use of electronic health records in all hospitals —
Recognize the positive steps hospitals are already taking**



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