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Organizations

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American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Neurology Professional Association  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Radiation Oncology  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Hospital Association  
American Medical Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Rhinologic Society  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Urological Association  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Catholic Health Association of the United States  
College of Healthcare Information Management Executives  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Medical Group Management Association  
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems  
National Rural Health Association  
North American Spine Society  
Premier, Inc.  
Renal Physicians Association  
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Society of Nuclear Medicine  
The Endocrine Society

# We're United for Our Patients

## But a Proposed CMS Rule Could Undercut Progress on Electronic Health Records



Hospitals and physicians nationwide are committed to the expansion and use of electronic health records (EHRs), to help reduce errors and improve the quality of care.

But a new rule proposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) takes an “all-or-nothing” approach that fails to recognize progress already being made to implement EHRs and improve patient care.

The proposed CMS rule would prevent health care providers from receiving Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments unless they meet *all* requirements for “meaningful use.” This approach downplays implementation of EHRs currently underway, and ignores the benefits patients are already receiving.

More than 50 organizations\*, representing physicians, hospitals and other health care providers, are united in urging CMS to adopt a more flexible policy that promotes the continued expansion and use of EHRs for our patients.

## CMS: Adopt a policy that works for our patients — Recognize the positive steps we've already taken



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