

<b>Summary of Selected Information Technology Legislation Introduced since December 2005 (Updated February 28, 2006)</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>H.R. 4641 National Health Information Incentive Act of 2005</b>	<b>Federal Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006</b>	<b>Federal Employees Electronic Personal Health Records Act of 2006</b>
<b>Sponsors</b>	Gingrey	Porter (House)	Carper (Senate)
<b>Date</b>	12/18/05	Expected March 2006	Draft
<b>Funding</b>	Provides tax incentives for purchase of health IT by increasing the allowable first year depreciation amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and by increasing the allowable maximum from \$400,000 to \$600,000 per year. Also provides a tax credit for interoperable health IT telecommunications expenses of up to \$10,000 per year.	Establishes a trust fund within the federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that will give grants to carriers under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) for incentive programs directed at providers for implementing EHRs.	N/A
<b>Payment changes under federal health programs, Medicare and Medicaid</b>	N/A	Requires development of EHRs by carriers under the FEHBP with the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claims-based records</li> <li>• Personal health records</li> <li>• Use of standards set forth by OPM to allow importation of data from providers and labs</li> <li>• Portable media</li> </ul>	Requires develop of standards-based personal health records by carriers under the FEHBP that also integrate claims-based records. Must also make claims data available to providers. PHRs will conform to standards, based on those developed by the Consolidated Health Informatics Initiative (CHI) and the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC).
<b>Stark relief and changes to other fraud and abuse measures</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Standards development</b>	N/A	N/A	See payment changes above.
<b>Quality measurement systems</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Privacy</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Information exchange networks</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Certification</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONCHIT)</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Other</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A