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Affordable Care Act

Implementing the ACA with HIT

By Tony Schueth, Editor-in-Chief

Now that the election is over, people are taking stock of the health care agenda for Congress, the Obama administration and the states. The centerpiece is the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This massive law is poised to redo the foundational building blocks of our health care system and how it is paid for. It will be tough to get the pieces up and running, create reporting mechanisms and generate the necessary cost savings. Without a doubt, though, stakeholders will need health information technology (HIT) to meet the requirements.

Playing the hand that's been dealt. The election results mean the ACA is going to survive pretty much intact despite last year's numerous attempts to deep-six it....

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Meaningful Use

Influence Meaningful Use Stage 3 Now!

By Kurt Andrews, PhD, Senior Consultant

Our first really good glimpse of what could be in meaningful use (MU) stage 3 was unveiled in preliminary recommendations recently made public in a 44-page request for comment (RFC) by the Health Information Technology (HIT) Policy Committee (HITPC). In a somewhat surprising move, the committee's recommendations were issued as an RFC through government auspices....

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mHealth

Smartphones and Demographics Are Keys to Mobile Health

By Ed Daniels, Senior Consultant

It is hard to remember when we didn't have cell phones and electronic access to just about any good or service. Americans increasingly are using their mobile devices to access health information and use related applications (apps) in a variety of ways to address their health care needs.

Despite recent advances, uptake in mobile health (mHealth) is not quite as far along as we might have thought, according to a 2012 study of the status of mHealth by the Pew Internet Project. The project found the keys to greater mHealth advancement lie in technology and demographics....

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