

## Resources Available on the HITECH Act

### Background:

On February 17th, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). A portion of the law creates the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act or the HITECH Act. The Minnesota Department of Health has reviewed the law, and is in the process of evaluating opportunities it presents to position Minnesota to access as much funding as possible to promote the adoption, implementation and effective use of health information technology in Minnesota.

### HITECH Resources

At this time, there are several sources of information available on the HITECH Act, and information outlining the specific details for implementation will continue to evolve over the next several months. In order to facilitate the timely distribution of information to Minnesota stakeholders, the Minnesota Department of Health has developed a HITECH website page dedicated to delivering the latest information on the health information technology provisions of the stimulus package. The HITECH web page address is: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/hitech.html>

Current resources available on the HITECH page include:

#### Federal Law:

- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/arra.pdf>
- **HITECH Act (Div. A, Title XIII and Div. B, Title IV of ARRA)**  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/hitechact.pdf>

#### Minnesota Resources:

- **MDH Presentation to the Legislature, February 24, 2009**  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/hitechactpresentation022209.pdf>
- **Video of MDH Overview of HITECH Act to the Legislature, February 24, 2009**  
[http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/media/media\\_list.php?ls=86&archive\\_year=2009&category=committee&type=video#header](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/media/media_list.php?ls=86&archive_year=2009&category=committee&type=video#header)  
To view this video, find the date of the meeting with the reference to e-Health and click on the link.
- **Summary of Key HITECH Act Provisions for Minnesota**  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/arrakeymn.pdf>

#### National Resources:

- **Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)**  
Federal office responsible for administering the HIT provisions of the ARRA.  
<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/onc/mission/>
- **National eHealth Initiative (eHI)**  
This site contains ARRA summary information, please note some materials are for members only.  
<http://www.ehealthinitiative.org/>
- **The Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS)**  
This site contains ARRA summary information, please note some materials are for members only.  
<http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp>
- **The American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)**  
This site contains ARRA summary information. <http://www.amia.org/>



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