Within the next few years, $17 billion in federal incentive payments for ‘meaningful use’ of Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems will become available to health facilities through the HITECH Act within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will begin distributing the dollars in FY 2011 under an exacting reimbursement formula. Penalties for those not using EHR systems will begin in 2015.

This is an unprecedented opportunity for hospitals to invest in EHR, but they must understand how to set up an EHR system that will comply with HITECH’s funding formula prerequisites.

An additional $2 billion in funding is being made available through HITECH for health information technology support programs such as health information exchange, regional extension center services, expansion of telehealth/telemedicine programs and workforce expansion programs.
**Agenda**

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Refreshments

8:25 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction

8:30 a.m.  Meaningful Use: An Update on EHR Implementation and Healthcare Reform  
**Harry Greenspun, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, Dell Perot Systems, Plano, TX  
Harry Greenspun will provide a “state of the union” of healthcare and examine what actions must be taken now to prepare for and leverage for the future.
  - Gain perspective on the current state of the healthcare reform debate.
  - Understand funding opportunities within ARRA.
  - Identify short term and long term actions to capitalize on funding.

9:00 a.m.  Break

9:45 a.m.  The Stimulus Bill: Show Me the Money!  
Medicare and Medicaid Incentives for Physicians for EHR and Comparative Effectiveness Research — **Greg Anderson, CPA/ABV, CVA**, HORNE LLP  
Medicare and Medicaid Incentives for Hospitals for EHR and Moratorium on Medicaid Regulations — **David Williams, CPA, FHFMA**, Partner, HORNE LLP  
Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement Reform — **David Butler, CPA**, HORNE LLP  
This session will provide attendees with information regarding key issues of the 2009 Stimulus Bill that impact the healthcare industry.
  - Focus on health information technology addressed in the bill, such as electronic health record incentives for physicians and hospitals and security and privacy requirements.
  - Provide information on the moratorium on Medicaid incentives as well as Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement reform.

11:45 a.m.  Arkansas HIT Regional Extension Center (ARHITREC)  
**Jonathan Fuchs**, COO, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care  
Jonathan Fuchs will discuss ARHITREC which is focused on EHR implementation for priority primary care physicians and their obtaining meaningful use certification.

12:15 p.m.  Lunch (provided)

1:00 p.m.  Health Information Exchange (HIE) Planning Project  
**Ray Scott**, State Coordinator for Health Information Technology  
The Arkansas Health Information and Technology Planning Project is an initiative to update the Senate’s current HIE capabilities to meet the standards of the HIE cooperative agreement program and to advance appropriate and secure HIE across the healthcare system. The Initiative comprises a broad group of stakeholders who have been involved with developing the necessary governance, policies, technical services, business operations, and financing mechanisms and build on existing efforts to advance regional and state level HIE while moving toward nationwide interoperability.

2:00 p.m.  Break

2:15 p.m.  HIPAA Goes HITECH  
**Elisa White**, Vice President and General Counsel, Arkansas Hospital Association

3:30 p.m.  Evaluations and Adjournment
Upon workshop completion, all participants will receive a certificate of attendance showing clock hours.
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