

NAPHIT Health IT Projects Compilation

Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) or Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

The articles summarized in this document represent current public health IT projects involving electronic medical records (EMRs), a term often used interchangeably with electronic health records (EHRs). NAPHIT compiles this list for its members from articles or information provided through third party entities. NAPHIT does not take credit for published articles, nor does it guarantee the accuracy of information provided by third party entities.

Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT) Certifies EHR/EMR Products (July 2006). CCHIT, the voluntary, private-sector organization formed by representatives from the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), and The National Alliance for Health Information Technology (Alliance), recently released its list of EHR/EMR products that meet its certification criteria. CCHIT was created to further President Bush's goal of private-sector certification of health information technology products. Visit the CCHIT web site to review the list:

<http://www.cchit.org/certified/2006/CCHIT+Certified+Products+by+Company.htm>

Maryland Creates Task Force to Study Potential of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) (January 2006). Maryland appointed almost two dozen government and health leaders to the Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records. The Task Force will study the potential for EHRs to lower medical costs and increase the quality of health care delivery. Read the full story from Healthcare IT News:

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/story.cms?id=4248>

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to Develop Health Information Sharing and EHR Solution (November 2005). The State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals plans to develop a prototype of health information sharing and electronic health record (EHR) support that can be replicated throughout the region. Read the full story from the Department of Health and Human Services web site:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2005pres/20051117.html>

Virginia Establishes Governor's Task Force on Information Technology in Health Care (May 2005). The State of Virginia created a Task Force on Information Technology in Health Care to develop and implementing a state health information system that better uses technology and electronic health records. The CIO for the Virginia Department of Health was one of 33 individuals appointed.

To submit articles for this document, please send an email to Ginny Hare DeCuir at ghare@naphit.org.