

U.S. House and Senate Notification

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To: Congressional Health Staff

**From: Lauren Aronson
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**Re: HHS Issues Request for Information on Advancing Interoperability
and Health Information Exchange**

Yesterday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input about a variety of policies that will strengthen the business case for electronic exchange of medical information across providers to ensure patients' health information will follow them seamlessly and securely when they access care. The RFI lays out some of the potential options to accelerate the existing progress on interoperability and enhance a market environment that will accelerate health information exchange across providers. HHS is seeking input on the options addressed, as well as other options that stakeholders believe would be effective and feasible.

Attached is the HHS press release. The Request for Information can be found at:
http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-05266_PI.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.