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## **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 offers Significant Incentives to Promote EHR Adoption**

Cleveland, Ohio – Providers and hospitals who want to adopt electronic health records are in luck! More than \$20 billion in incentives for EHR adoption was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. Through the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement systems, these incentives will promote widespread implementation and use of EHR technologies within hospitals, physician practices, community health organizations, and public health settings.

According to the ARRA, eligible professionals will receive incentive payments as specified in the legislation, for the first five years (2011 – 2015), for demonstrating meaningful use of certified EHR technology and demonstrated performance during the reporting period for each payment year. A few key points to keep in mind:

- Eligible professionals can qualify for incentives totaling up to \$44,000 during the five year time period if they demonstrate meaningful use by 2011.
- The incentive amount will decrease for professionals who demonstrate meaningful use after 2013.
- If an eligible professional does not demonstrate meaningful use by 2015, he/she will begin to incur penalties.
- No incentive payment will be made after 2016.

To maximize the incentive payments, eligible professionals should begin implementing certified EHR technology by 2010 and demonstrate meaningful use beginning in 2011. Note that the ARRA also aims to stimulate the economy beyond incentives to the healthcare industry. To read the full legislation, visit <http://www.thomas.gov/home/approp/app09.html#h1>.

For more information about how you can take advantage of this program, please contact a member of our sales team.

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**workflowEHR™** allows practices to use their own forms on a tablet PC, making patient encounters much more natural – without paper and without changing the way they are used to working. This solution enables physicians and their staff to capture clinical data with ease, streamline messaging, and eliminate paper files while automating workflow.

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