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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of the Administrator Chief Operating Officer

Office of E-Health Standards and Services (FHA)

- Develops and coordinates implementation of a comprehensive e-health strategy for CMS. Coordinates and supports internal and external technical activities related to ehealth services and ensures that individual initiatives tie to the overall agency and Federal e-health goals strategies.
- Promotes and leverages innovative component initiatives. Facilitates cross-component awareness of various e-health projects.
- Develops regulations and guidance materials, and provides technical assistance on the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), including transactions, code sets, identifiers, and security.
- Develops and implements the enforcement program for HIPAA Administrative Simplification provisions.
- Develops and implements an outreach program for HIPAA Administrative Simplification provisions. Formulates and coordinates a public relations campaign, prepares and delivers presentations and speeches, responds to inquiries on HIPAA issues, and maintains liaison with industry representatives.
- Adopts and maintains messaging and vocabulary standards supporting electronic prescribing under Medicare Part D.
- Serves as agency point of reference on Federal and private sector e-Health initiatives.
 Works with Federal departments and agencies to identify and adopt universal messaging and clinical health data standards, and represents CMS and HHS in national projects supporting the national health enterprise architecture and the national health information infrastructure.
- Coordinates and provides guidance on legislative and regulatory issues related to ehealth standards and services.
- Collaborates with HHS on policy issues related to e-health standards, and serves as the central point of contact for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.