



**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services
and
The Department of Veterans Affairs
welcome you to
The “BlueButton” project**

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**An open discussion about consumer
engagement with health information
tools and health data.**

Agenda

1. Welcome – Lorraine Doo, CMS
2. Introduction - Todd Park, HHS & Peter Levin, VA
3. Mymedicare.gov – Frances Harmatuk, CMS
4. MyHealthVet - Kim Nazi, VA
5. Explanation of download files – Frances Harmatuk & Kim Nazi
6. Discussion

CMS ACTIVITIES WITH PHRs TO DATE

2005 – RFI solicited public feedback on CMS role re: PHRs

Outcome: Industry concurred that CMS should not build proprietary PHR, but should provide Medicare data to existing PHRs

2006 – Feasibility test

Outcome: Successfully tested transfer of Medicare claims data into existing Internet-based PHRs

2007-2008 – Plan Pilot

Outcome: Studied beneficiary usage of existing PHRs offered by MA and Part D plans – range of plans and uptake, from 100,000 for Kaiser to 400 for UPMC. Evaluation completed in Summer 2009; positive feedback from users.

2008 – Concept of Operations

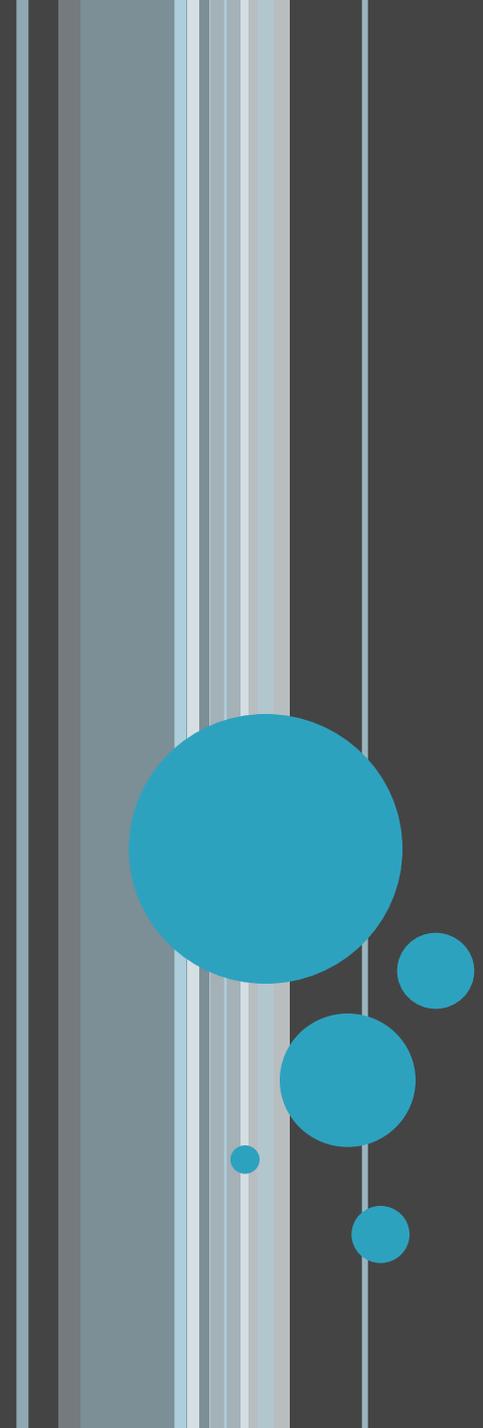
Outcome: Identified technical and policy implications of providing Medicare claims data to PHRs on a large scale

2008 to present – Fee-for-Service Pilots

Outcome: Two pilots – single PHR in South Carolina; choice of 4 PHRs in Arizona and Utah. Outreach found to be very important. Evaluation completed in Spring 2010 for South Carolina. 4500 registrants for MyPHRSC; 1200 for PHRChoice

THE VALUE-ADD OF PHRS

- Increased awareness of health conditions and personal responsibility
- Opportunities for enhanced patient – provider communication
- Positive influence on patient compliance
- Increase opportunities for remote monitoring
- Future connectivity between EHRs and PHRs – increasing access to more complete information
- Portability – access to information anytime, anywhere
- Ability to share medical information with others based on personal preference
- Integration with EHR and meaningful use incentives for patient access to electronic information



What's next?

For Participants

Review and explore the sample files and send feedback or questions to

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For CMS and VA

Review the comments and post feedback on the CMS website.

Where to find information about CMS PHR initiatives and PHR evaluation results:

<http://www.cms.gov/PerHealthRecords/>