2012 Theme: **e-Health** – *Special Call for Papers*
Submission Deadline: March 2, 2012

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announces a special call for papers dedicated to the emerging area of e-Health for its journal, *Medicare & Medicaid Research Review*. Anticipated publication of accepted articles will be in the Spring of 2012, just over three years since the passage of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act.

The increasing use of information technologies to manage health highlights the potential of e-Health tools that employ digital information and communication technologies to improve health and health care.[1] Since this definition of e-Health is purposefully broad and since the state of knowledge varies across sub-areas, this call seeks a range of rigorous, descriptive, empirical, and policy-focused manuscripts.

We invite authors to submit manuscripts on any topic relevant to e-Health to be considered for this MMRR theme issue. We will consider any scholarly work and consider the state of the immediate field in determining which manuscripts to publish. Authors should consult the Guidelines for Authors when preparing their manuscripts. We consider three criteria for manuscript selection: (a) quality, rigor, and originality; (b) significance and usefulness for informing the future of Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance programs (CHIP); and (c) clarity of writing and presentation. Papers do not need to focus on Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP populations, but should discuss any policy implications for these programs.

Topics of special interest include
- m-Health, that is, the practice of medical and public health, supported by mobile devices;
- meaningful use of Health Information Technology (Health IT), including status reports on implementation;
- Health IT and quality reporting;
- Health Information Exchange (HIE) between providers, including status reports and empirical assessments;

- consumer use, including patient portals, consumer devices, and HIE between patients and providers (outside of the traditional office visit);
- e-Health issues for Medicaid and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- Health IT and patient safety;
- privacy and data security, including both Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and pertinent Internet regulation policies;
- e-Health and disparities in access or care;
- e-Health adoption;
- lessons of the implementation of the HITECH Act's Programs; and
- clinical decision support systems (CDSS)/population management/knowledge generation, including understanding both decision steps and workflow issues.

Manuscripts received on or before March 2, 2012 will have the best chance of consideration for inclusion in the MMRR e-Health theme issue. Please indicate that your submission is in response to the e-Health special theme call for papers.

The guest editors for this e-Health theme issue are John Hsu, MD, MBA, MSCE, David Blumenthal, MD, MPP, and Sachin Jain, MD, MBA. Drs. Hsu and Blumenthal are from the Mongan Institute for Health Policy, Massachusetts General Hospital, Partners Healthcare System, and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Jain is from Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School.

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[1]Health.gov: http://www.health.gov/communication/ehealth/Default.asp