

# **“Health Reform, HIT and Community Health Centers: The Perfect Partnership”**



**Its not  
About  
The  
Technology**



**Health  
Reform**



**HIT**

# Where the bar is set for meaningful use ...

Increase in health reform goals  
achieved by HIT – but –

**Decrease in ease of adoption**



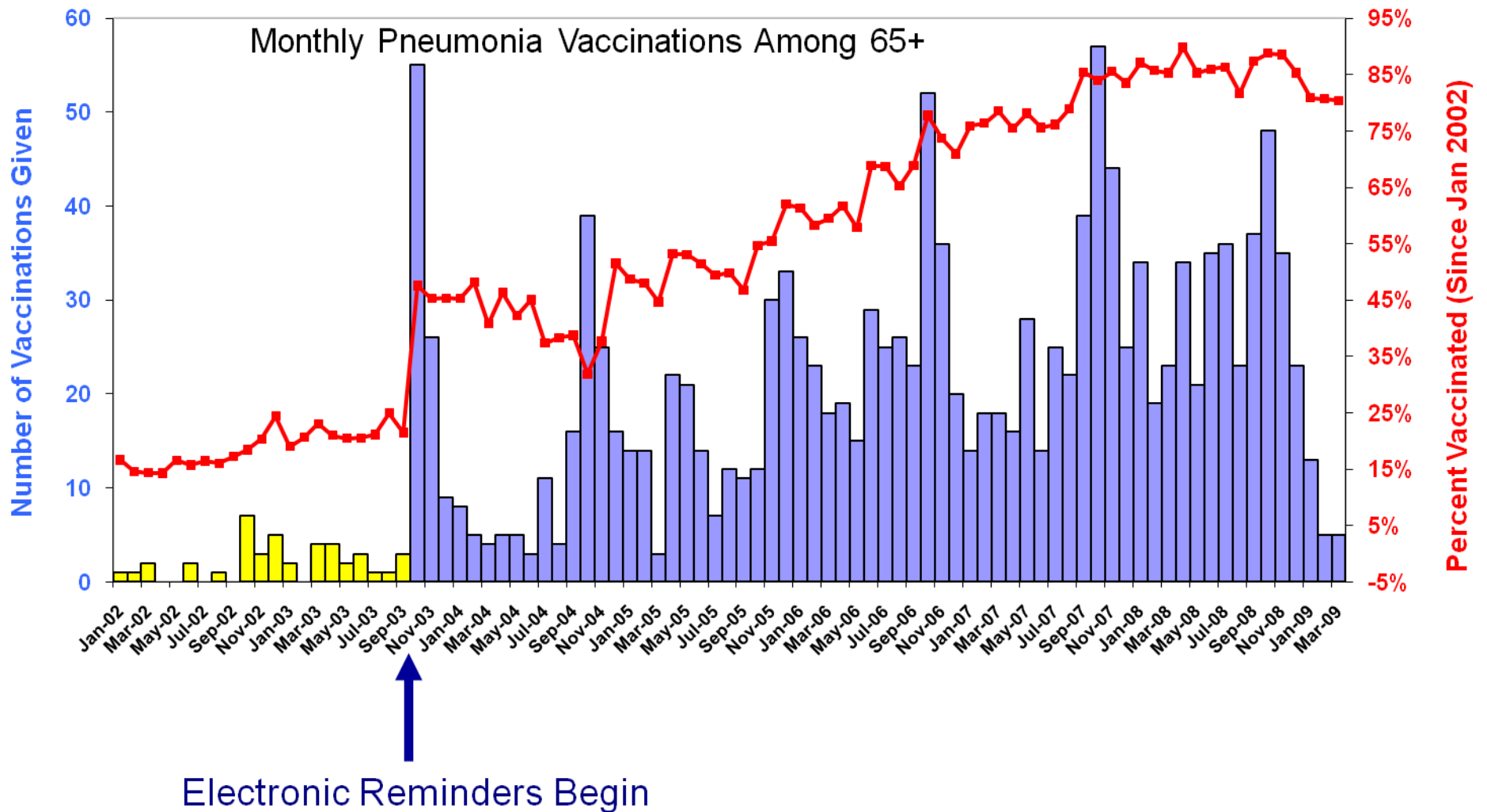
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# Improving Quality, Safety and Efficiency and Reducing Health Disparities



# Electronic Health Record Reminders



# Quality



- Computerized order entry
- Coded problem list
- Record vital signs; calculate and display BMI
- Order and record interfaced lab tests
- Generate patient lists by specific condition
- Send patient reminders per patient preference for preventive care, follow-up

# Safety



- E-prescribing whenever possible
- Drug interaction checking
- Listing of medication allergies
- Checking all prescriptions against Beers criteria (warnings: re use in elderly)



# Efficiency



- Decision support to encourage generic prescribing
- Decision support to reduce high-cost diagnostic imaging
- Claims transmitted and recorded electronically
- Document advanced directives

# Reduce Disparities



- Record demographics including *gender, insurance type, race, ethnicity, preferred language*
- Stratify reporting by *gender, insurance type, race, ethnicity, preferred language*

# **Engage Patients and Families-**

**Provide patients and families  
with timely access to data, knowledge  
and tools to make informed decisions  
and to manage their health**



# Access to data



- Provide electronic access to their records per patient preference – PHR, USB drive, paper
- Provide clinical summaries for patients after each encounter; hospital discharge summary
- Provide access to patient-specific educational resources relevant to current diagnosis and family medical history

# **Improve Care Coordination - Exchange meaningful clinical information among professional health care team**



# Care Coordination



- **Exchange key clinical information** among providers of care (problem list, medications, allergies, test results)
- Perform **medication reconciliation** at relevant encounter and at each transition of care

# **Improve Population and Public Health - Communicate with public health agencies**



# Communication with Public health



- Produce electronic data to submit to **immunization registries** where required and accepted
- Provide electronic **syndromic surveillance data** to public health agencies and transmit them electronically according to applicable law and practices



# Ensure Adequate Privacy and Security Protections for Personal Health Information



# Privacy and Security



- Compliance with HIPAA and State Laws
- An organization with a HIPAA violation will be unable to receive incentive payments until it is resolved

**What should  
you be  
watching?**



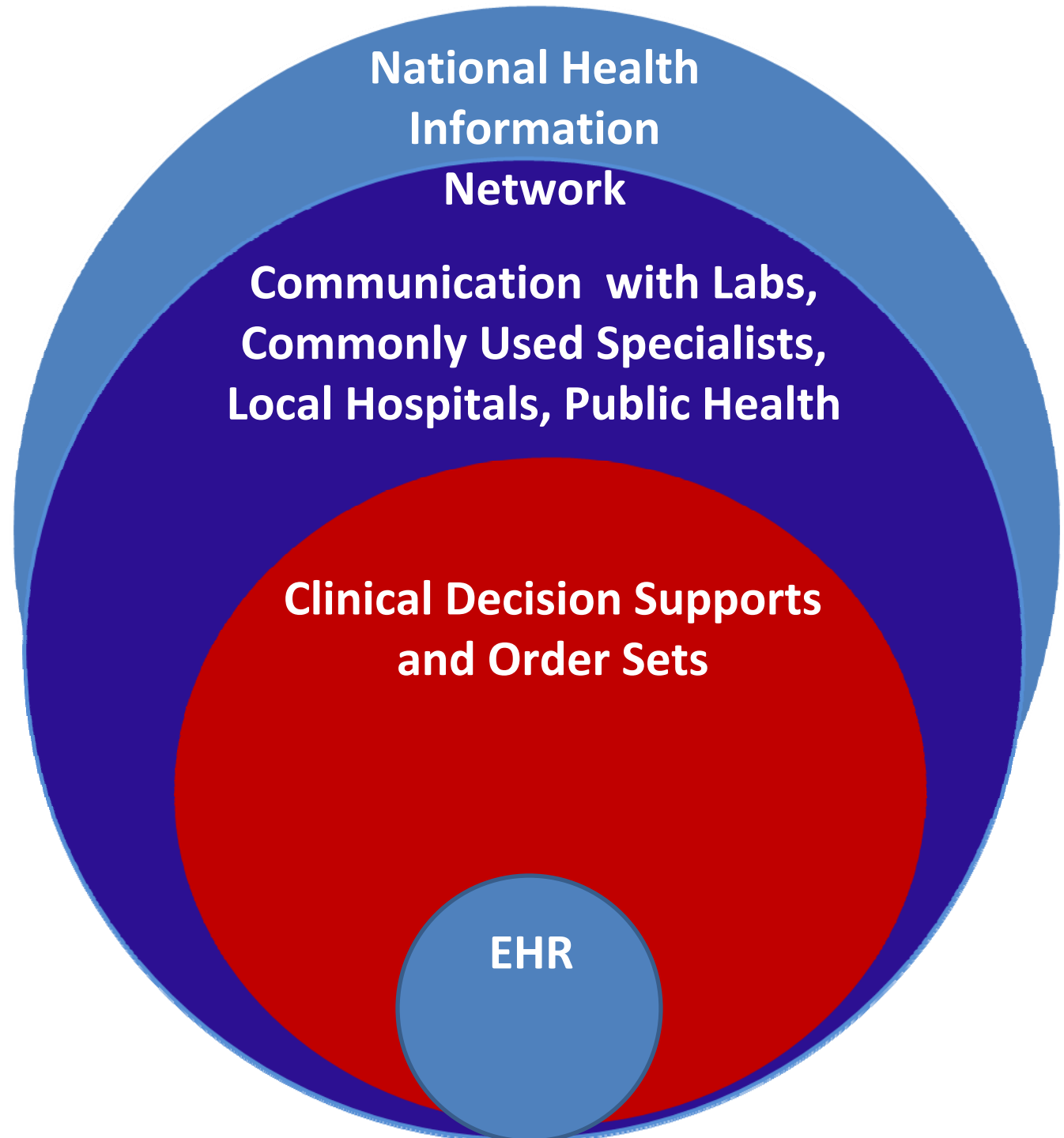
**Where the latest  
Information can  
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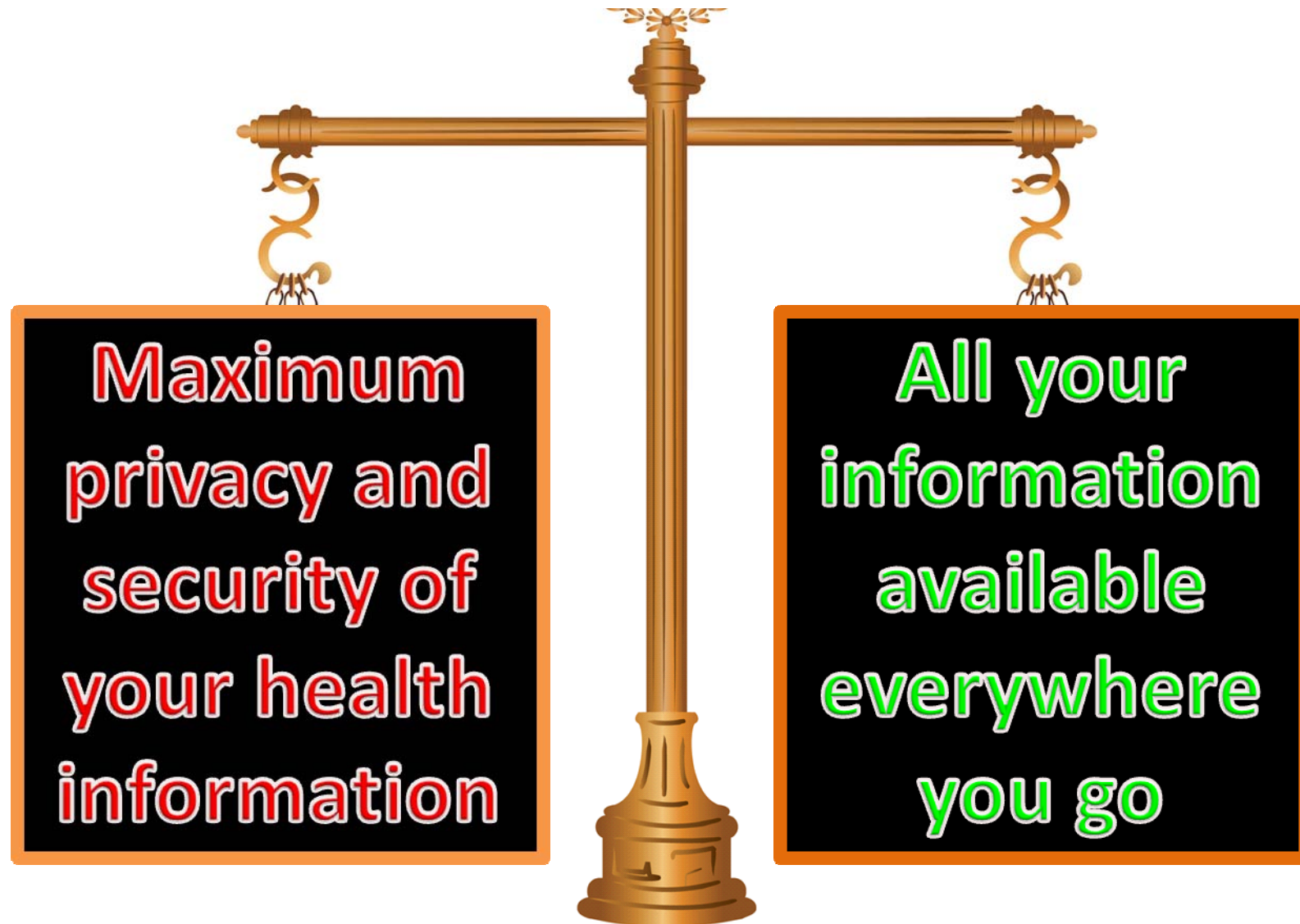
**[healthIT.hhs.gov](http://healthIT.hhs.gov)**

**For ongoing information about  
the evolution of “meaningful use”  
and HIT certification**

**Where your energy is spent on using your HIT to improve healthcare quality, safety and efficiency and reduce health disparities...**

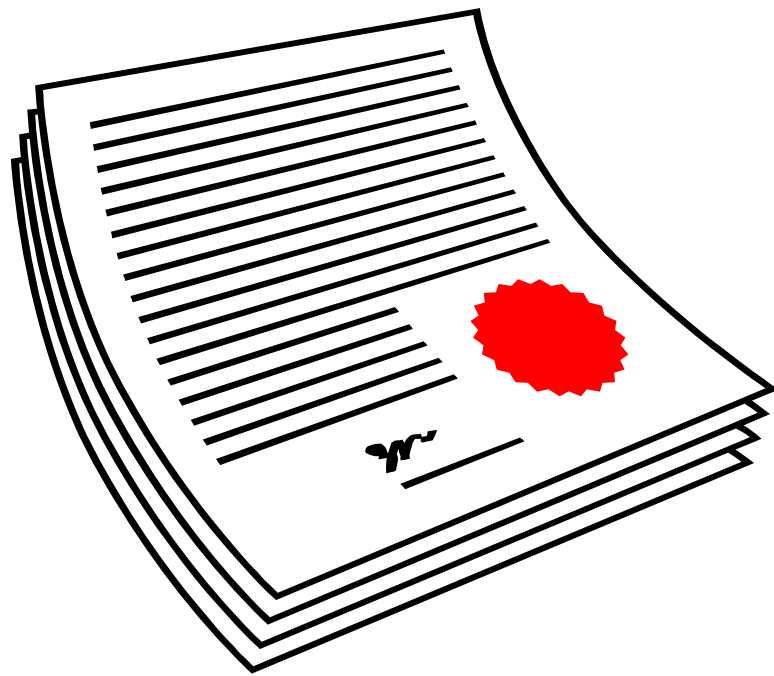


# How we end up balancing availability of information with privacy and security concerns ...



# Regional Extension Centers





? Sept/Oct '09

**CMS Notice of  
Proposed Rule-making with  
60-day comment period**





**Medicaid Incentives for  
Meaningful Use will be  
administered by the  
States' Medicaid program**



**Make your  
opinions  
known !**

Stay focused on the **benefits** of Health Information Technology to the **patients** we serve – getting our implementation issues out of the way so we can focus on **Meaningful Use**

