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### Texas Health Resources Completes Attestation for Medicare Incentive Payments for Electronic Health Record

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Health Resources yesterday completed attestation to the federal government that it has met “meaningful use” criteria for implementation and use of its electronic health record (EHR) and is eligible for Medicare EHR incentive payments. The health system completed attestation on the first day that hospitals can demonstrate to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that they have met requirements for EHR Medicare incentives under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Texas Health has implemented the computer-based electronic health record system in 13 hospitals since 2006. The health system has invested more than \$200 million in its EHR, which contains more than 4.7 million patient records.

Texas Health’s EHR has set the pace for hospitals nationwide in areas such as physician adoption of computerized physician order entry (CPOE), an important EHR component that has been proven to help reduce medication errors. Texas Health’s adoption rate of approximately 90 percent places the system among the national leaders.

“Our goal for the past five years has been improvement in quality and patient safety through our electronic health record. Patients across North Texas and nationwide have benefitted from our leadership in this dynamic technology that reduces medical errors, enhances quality of patient care and reduces costs,” said [Stephen C. Hanson](#), FACHE, Texas Health’s senior executive vice president for system growth and integration.

“We’re also delighted to be at the forefront of the federal process for recognition of this vital technology. As early adopters of the EHR, we began implementation long before the incentive payment programs began, but do welcome the opportunity for recognition,” said Hanson.

Texas Health is well positioned to demonstrate “meaningful use” of the EHR under the federal government requirements, said [Edward Marx](#), Texas Health’s chief information officer.

“We believe we have fulfilled all five components for certification for meaningful use, which range from improving quality, safety, and efficiency of care to engaging patients and their families and coordinating care across multiple providers,” said Marx. “Through dedication and teamwork between patients, our staff and physicians, we’ve become a national leader in EHR development and implementation.”

For more information about Texas Health Resources, visit [TexasHealth.org](http://TexasHealth.org).