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NCHICA White Paper Explores Privacy and Security Issues Related to Meaningful Use

Research Triangle Park, NC – A white paper published by the North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance, Inc. (NCHICA) explores the privacy and security issues associated with meeting the “meaningful use” criteria for electronic health records.

The paper provides recommendations on privacy and security compliance, the role of Privacy and Security Officers, data exchange and coordinated care, the role of provider organizations in health information exchange, and engaging patients. The appendix includes a matrix to help health care providers assess their meaningful use readiness, determine the roles of key staff in achieving meaningful use, and evaluate their organization’s success in implementing the three stages of meaningful use as currently defined by CMS.

The paper is based on results of a June 6, 2010 workshop on “Privacy and Security Implications of Meaningful Use.” It is available free of charge on the NCHICA website at www.nchica.org.

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