



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER PHYSICIANS

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January 23, 2011 - President and CEO of the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP), Dr. Ho Luong Tran, was invited to a meeting sponsored by the Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS) to discuss the Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Record (EHR) as it pertains to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and physicians. The meeting was a great success with attendees representing societies, organizations, hospitals, and community health centers* across New York. It was a momentous occasion for health care leaders in the New York area to meet with NCAPIP leadership directly to share their invaluable insight regarding the meaningful utilization of EHR in 2012.

A consensus was reached for the following recommendations:

1. Standardize EHR systems, with attention paid to the needs of ethnic patients including: linguistic barriers, expansion of categories of gender to include transgender male or transgender female, self identification for mixed race/ethnic backgrounds, and self designation of preferred language for information delivery;
2. Require standard EHR data protocol to facilitate the process of selecting or changing EHR systems for the health care provider as the provider seeks the most appropriate CCHIT certified EHR for his/her practice;
3. Address the unique needs of ethnic patients including limited English proficiency, low health literacy, and special cultural needs through: 1. Government subsidies or increased reimbursement to compensate for the extra time, effort, and expense of caring for at risk populations, and 2. Funding of programs for patient education to comply with patient portal and access to EHR;
4. Exemption from penalties due to patient noncompliance that is related to inherent cultural and social difficulties;
5. Postpone the 2012 deadline.

The recommendations from this meeting are pending ratification by the board of directors of NCAPIP. NCAPIP will be meeting with health care leaders in other regions and will present final recommendations to the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and affiliated federal agencies.

*National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP), Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS), Chinese American Independent Physician Association (CAIPA), Association of Chinese American Physicians (ACAP), Charles B. Wang Chinatown Health Clinics (CBWCHC), Myanmar American Medical Education Society (MAMES), Indochina Sino-American Community Center (ISACC), Philippine-Chinese-American Medical Association

(PCAMA), Korean Community, Asian American Health and Social Services Council (AAHSC), Asian Pacific Island Center for HIV and AIDS, Federation of Chinese American Medical Societies and Foundation
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