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## Medical Information Transparency Rule Is a Breakthrough on Longstanding Health Care Reform Priority for BRT CEOs

### ***Business Leaders Say Claims Data Will Empower, Better Inform Consumers and Families***

Yesterday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services issued a final rule on the release of Medicare data, which garnered instant [praise](#) from Business Roundtable (BRT) for its ability to give health care consumers access to Medicare Part B claims data – including, for the first time, data on individual physicians.

*“Today’s decision to release Medicare claims data is a huge victory for American workers and their families,” said BRT President John Engler. “This rule will empower consumers and health care purchasers and drive the health care marketplace toward better quality at lower cost.”*

Most notably, the rule’s provisions will:

- Foster a more efficient U.S. market for health care services; and
- Enable consumers and health care purchasers to receive analysis of cost, quality and effectiveness performance measures from qualified organizations for a variety of health care providers nationwide.

The rule is a longstanding health care priority of BRT CEOs – they have long argued that health care consumers need accurate, reliable information to make informed choices.

Click [here](#) to view BRT’s principles for health care reform.

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