

# United States Senate

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE COMMUNITY ADDRESSES INTEROPERABILITY OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

Dear Colleague:

In recent years, the U.S. healthcare system has adopted an array of initiatives with the common goal of coordinating care for high-risk, high-cost patient populations: Medicare Accountable Care Organizations, Medicaid Health Homes, and Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligible Demonstrations, among other programs. The success of these programs relies on providers' use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) to exchange clinical information among primary care physicians, hospitals, and mental health and substance abuse recovery providers.

The Behavioral Health Information Technology Coalition invites you to a congressional staff briefing to hear how mental health and addiction treatment communities are addressing information exchange and EHR interoperability. **The briefing will be at Wednesday, December 3 at 12 noon in Room 201 of the Senate Visitors Center.**

The Coalition's speaker panel reflects a diversity of treatment settings and technical EHR interoperability approaches including:

- Moderator: Joel White, Executive Director, HIT NOW Coalition
- Dr. Tom Doub, CEO, Centerstone Research Institute (CRI), Nashville, TN
- Rebecca Smith, MCSE, Chief Information Officer, Henderson Behavioral Health, Lauderdale Lakes, FL
- Michael Lardieri, LCSW, AVP Strategic Program Development, North Shore LIJ Health System, Zucker Hillside Hospital, Glen Oaks, NY.

A light lunch will be served. To RSVP, please email [SenateBHITBriefing@gmail.com](mailto:SenateBHITBriefing@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



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