eHI Virtual Lunch Series

Federal Government, COVID-19, Health IT: What’s Happened & What’s Next?

April 8, 2020
Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

• Jennifer Covich Bordenick, CEO, eHealth Initiative and Foundation

Presentation

• Catherine Pugh, VP, Policy, eHealth Initiative and Foundation
Housekeeping

• All participants are muted
• Use the raise hand feature if you have a question
• We will then unmute your line so you can ask your question directly
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eHI’s Mission

To serve as the industry leader in **convening executives** and multi-stakeholder groups to **identify best practices** that transform healthcare through the use of technology and innovation.
Current Areas of Focus

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Webinars:

- **April 14** – eHI Privacy & Security Series
- **April 21** – The HIE Playbook for Overcoming Data Challenges During the Pandemic
- **April 23** - Understanding the reimbursement landscape and telehealth adoption to protect your business, staff and patients through COVID-19
What’s Happened?

• Legislation:
  • The 1st and 3rd COVID-19 legislative packages includes significant health IT provisions, including authority for the HHS Secretary to waive Medicare telehealth restrictions
  • Additional provisions can be found on eHI Explains: CARES Act

• HHS has implemented the broad waiver, includes:
  • Reimbursement for telehealth services anywhere, not just in rural areas
  • Patients can be at home
  • Patients and providers can use any telephone technology with audio/visual capabilities – not just “HIPAA compliant”
What’s Happened?

• Regulation:
  • Sec. 1135 state waivers
  • Quality Payment Program hardship exemptions
  • DEA-issued flexibility regarding prescribing of buprenorphine for treatment of OUD
  • ONC Interoperability Proving Ground
  • OCR Notice of Enforcement Discretion for HIPAA Business Associates
What’s Next?

- Possibilities include:
  - A 4th (likely more) legislative package from Congress
  - A delay in the CMS and ONC interoperability and information blocking final rules
  - CMS Telehealth Waiver updates to include CARES Act additional authorities around providers and technology