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Physicians and Electronic Medical Record Vendors to Benefit from H.R. 3014

Measure will provide funding under the Small Business Act

(Doylestown, PA) The push for adoption of Electronic Medical and Health Records (EMR/EHR) was assisted on June 24, 2009 by the drafting of House Resolution 3014 which will "provide loan guarantees for the acquisition of health information technology by eligible professionals in solo and small group practices".

The measure should serve to overcome a consistently cited barrier to adoption of EMR by doctors...cost.

Sponsored by Congresswoman Kathleen Dahlkemper and co-sponsored by seven other members of the House of Representatives, the bill seeks to amend the Small Business Act to allow loan guarantees so eligible professionals in solo and small group practices can purchase health IT such as Electronic Medical Records (EMR) that demonstrates "meaningful use." A final definition of "meaningful use" is due by spring 2010, developed by the Certification Committee for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT).

"The two major factors causing doctors apprehension to adopting EMR are cost and the disruption of moving from established paper based record keeping to an electronic format. H.R. 3014 can well serve to ease the burden of the financial portion, and we fully urge physicians, patients and EMR vendors to call on their Representatives to pass this legislation" said Doug Wallace, Executive V.P. of MyEMRChoice.com.

The full text of H.R. 3014, as well as its status and updates can be viewed by visiting <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-3014> or www.MyEMRChoice.com.

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