EMRs and HITECH Changes

THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO HCCs THAT MAINTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS

As a reminder, the HITECH provisions of the Stimulus Act of 2009 require that covered entities, include, in their accountings of disclosures, all disclosures made, including those for treatment, payment, and operations and to provide such accountings for disclosures made in the previous three years. To date, we have not had to include disclosures for TPO in accountings of disclosures.

Although, we are still waiting for DHHS to issue regulations regarding standards for accountings of disclosures and technologies, please be aware of the current deadlines in the Act;

For covered entities acquiring Electronic Health Records (DHRs) as of January 1, 2009, this requirement applies to disclosures made from EHRs on and after January 1, 2014.

For covered entities acquiring EHRs after January 1, 2009, this requirement applies to disclosures made on or after January 1, 2011, or the date the entity acquires an HER, whichever is later.

I will notify you as regulations are issued. You should also watch your professional list serves and publications for information.