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Promoting Health Information Technology Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2008
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 4, 2008)

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Promoting Health Information Technology Act of 2008 - Establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Establishes the Health Information Technology Resource Center to provide assistance for the adoption and use of interoperable health information technology.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate final rules to modify standards related to the electronic exchange of health information.

Amends title XI (General Provisions, Peer Review, and Administrative Simplification) of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary to provide for an expedited upgrade program to develop and approve additions and modifications to adopted standards for the electronic exchange of health information. Sets forth the process for such additions and modifications.

Prohibits federal funds from being used for the purchase of any health information technology that has not been certified in compliance with such standards. Requires federal agencies to comply with standards.

Requires the Secretary to study current federal security and confidentiality standards.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to treat qualified health care information technology as a depreciable asset.

Requires the Secretary to encourage and facilitate the adoption of state reciprocity agreements for practitioner licensure in order to expedite the provision across state lines of telehealth services.

Provides for studies related to telehealth services, including on expanding the list of Medicare telehealth originating sites to include mental health facilities.

Requires the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services to make federally qualified health centers eligible to participate in demonstration projects related to health records and health information technology.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 9, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.