

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERS URGE HALT TO STAGE 2 MEANINGFUL USE PAYMENTS

Yesterday (10/4/2012), in a letter from House Republican leaders to HHS, House Republican leaders expressed serious concern regarding the Stage 2 Meaningful Use program and requested HHS to take the following action:

1. Immediately suspend the distribution of incentive payments until universal interoperable standards are promulgated by HHS;
2. Increase what is expected of Meaningful Users (e.g., increasing the utilization percentages established in the current Stage 2 rules);
3. Eliminate the subsidization of business practices that block the exchange of information between providers.

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions about Stage 2 or further developments on this matter, please contact Michael T. Batt at mbatt@hallrender.com or 317-977-1417