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SUBCHAPTER I—APPLICATION AND USE OF ADOPTED HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS; REPORTS

**§ 17901. Coordination of Federal activities with adopted standards and implementation specifications**

**(a) Spending on health information technology systems**

As each agency (as defined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services) implements, acquires, or upgrades health information technology systems used for the direct exchange of individually identifiable health information between agencies and with non-Federal entities, it shall utilize, where available, health information technology systems and products that meet standards and implementation specifications adopted under section 300jj-14 of this title, as added by section 13101.<sup>1</sup>

**(b) Federal information collection activities**

With respect to a standard or implementation specification adopted under section 300jj-14 of this title, as added by section 13101, the President shall take measures to ensure that Federal activities involving the broad collection and

submission of health information are consistent with such standard or implementation specification, respectively, within three years after the date of such adoption.

**(c) Application of definitions**

The definitions contained in section 300jj of this title, as added by section 13101,<sup>1</sup> shall apply for purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 111-5, div. A, title XIII, §13111, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 242.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 13101, referred to in text, means section 13101 of div. A of Pub. L. 111-5.

**§ 17902. Application to private entities**

Each agency (as defined in such Executive Order issued on August 22, 2006, relating to promoting quality and efficient health care in Federal government administered or sponsored health care programs) shall require in contracts or agreements with health care providers, health plans, or health insurance issuers that as each provider, plan, or issuer implements, acquires, or upgrades health information technology systems, it shall utilize, where available, health information technology systems and products that meet standards and implementation specifications adopted under section 300jj-14 of this title, as added by section 13101.<sup>1</sup>

(Pub. L. 111-5, div. A, title XIII, §13112, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 243.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order issued on August 22, 2006, referred to in text, is Ex. Ord. No. 13410, Aug. 22, 2006, 71 F.R. 51089, which is set out as a note under section 300u of this title.

Section 13101, referred to in text, means section 13101 of div. A of Pub. L. 111-5.

**§ 17903. Study and reports**

**(a) Report on adoption of nationwide system**

Not later than 2 years after February 17, 2009, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the appropriate committees of jurisdiction of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that—

(1) describes the specific actions that have been taken by the Federal Government and private entities to facilitate the adoption of a nationwide system for the electronic use and exchange of health information;

(2) describes barriers to the adoption of such a nationwide system; and

(3) contains recommendations to achieve full implementation of such a nationwide system.

**(b) Reimbursement incentive study and report**

**(1) Study**

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall carry out, or contract with a private entity to carry out, a study that examines methods to create efficient reimbursement incentives for improving health care quality in Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and free clinics.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

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