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To: CommentPeriod, HealthIT (Thune)
Subject: Meaningful Use feedback

Dear Senator Thune:

As a small office, solo practitioner, I would find implementation of a complete ERH system an extreme burden. I have the equivalent of one full-time employee for my office (just myself and 2 part-time employees that job share the front office position). I do not have a nurse or scribe to input data. The proprietary EHR vendors used by the different hospitals in Nashville do not have records that are compatible with each other. There are no efficiencies for the small practice.

I do use electronic prescribing, and this works well. Specialty, and subspecialty, medical records require very different software than is available for primary care practices.

I would be in support of a basic electronic record which could be limited to a 1) problem list - active, inactive, and surgeries; 2) medication list; and 3) allergy list. These are basic medical facts that every patient is asked to provide for every medical encounter among different specialties. This would be an attainable goal and truly beneficial to patients. It could be made compatible with all systems among different hospitals, physicians, and vendors. It could easily reside "in the cloud" on web-based servers as well as easily encoded into a patient's own "smart card" along with insurance information.

Thank you for your consideration,

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