The HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health) Act provides financial incentives to physicians and other healthcare organizations to implement Electronic Health Records (EHR) to help drive down healthcare cost while improving the quality of care. This provides an unprecedented opportunity for healthcare providers to implement state-of-the-art technology that will improve the efficiency of the healthcare practice while offsetting the cost to implement these EHR systems.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services developed meaningful use criteria and an accompanying incentive payment program for eligible professionals. The Office of the National Coordinator is developing certification criteria for electronic health records. ONC believes that the criteria will support these providers in achieving meaningful use.

CMS established five goals for meaningful use, including:

- Improving quality, safety, and efficiency and reducing health care disparities
- Engaging patients and families
- Improving care coordination
- Ensuring adequate privacy and security protections for personal health information
- Improving population and public health

eChrysalis Consultants specialize in the assessment, design, implementation and compliance for 'meaningful use' of electronic health records as related to provisions of the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)](#).

Our engineers and clinicians have developed a "Rapid Deployment" methodology to help physicians, hospitals, ambulatory centers and Patient-Center health homes obtain and sustain ARRA reimbursement incentives for [all CCHIT-certified EHRs](#) .

Our Service Program Included:

- EMR System Selection – Impact Assessment, Operation and Work flow Assessments, investigate *and recommend the best certified system for your needs*
- Overall Strategy - *provide you with a detailed operations plan for attaining Meaningful Use*

and schedule for meeting requirements

- Project Planning - *establish tasks and reasonable timelines for your Meaningful Use strategies*
- Project Management – Managing all phases of the project assuring that you stay on target to receive y   *our incentive payment.*
- *Coordinating technology integration and vendor initiatives*
- Development of a Gap Analysis - *assessing each of the Meaningful Use criteria*
- *Preparing and coordinating training initiatives*