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Congressional Briefing on Health Information Technology and Patient Privacy Scheduled for Next Monday

Representatives from Leading Health Care Providers Will Discuss How Patients Benefit from Digital Revolution in Health care

WASHINGTON – Representatives from some of the nation’s leading health care providers will meet with congressional staff members next Monday, April 7, to discuss how patients are benefiting from an increased use of electronic health records and how the privacy of their health records is being protected.

The briefing, “Patients, Privacy and Providing Quality Healthcare: The Impact of the HIT Revolution” will take place Monday at noon, EDT, in Room B-338 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The event is being sponsored by the Confidentiality Coalition, a group comprised of employers and health care providers, health plans, pharmacies and pharmacy benefit managers, researchers and manufacturers dedicated to protecting patient privacy while ensuring continued innovation and quality improvements in American health care.

At the briefing, panelists from the Mayo Clinic, Marshfield Clinic, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and Greenway Medical Technologies will provide examples detailing how the use of electronic health records has helped generate advances in medical research and health care services. They will also discuss the safeguards that protect the confidentiality of medical records without impeding the flow of information critical to quality health care. The session will be moderated by Mary R. Grealy, president of the Healthcare Leadership Council.

The briefing is open to the media.
