**Medicare Red Tape Relief Project**

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**Please describe the submitting organization’s interaction with the Medicare program:** PAI is a not-for-profit advocacy organization focused on securing fair and transparent payment for physicians. PAI’s Board is comprised of CEOs/former CEOs of state medical associations from California, Connecticut, Georgia, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas and a Kentucky physician. A significant portion of the members of these and other states’ medical societies treat Medicare patients and submit claims to Medicare.

**Short Description**: Lack of EHR vendor accountability

**Summary:** Physicians are unfairly penalized when their EHR systems do not comply with federally-set standards.

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**Related Statute/Regulation:**

42 CFR Parts 495

CMS EHR Incentive Program Rule

**Proposed Solution:**

CMS should issue new regulations imposing standards directly on EHR vendors, rather than levy penalties on physicians through payment adjustments