



Citizens' Council on Health Care

Health Freedom Minute

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Doctors Must be Taught

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens' Council on Health Care.

Last year, The New England Journal of Medicine found only 1.5 percent of hospitals and 4 percent of doctor practices with comprehensive electronic medical records.*

Why? Because systems can cost up to \$100,000 and they're complex. There's the cost of updates, the occasional crash and the fact that important data can be buried and mistakes are difficult to find and correct.

To train doctors on electronic medical records, the Administration has given \$6 billion dollars to develop 60 Regional Extension Centers around the country.** The stimulus bill also penalizes doctors who don't have government-approved systems and gives \$20 Billion to create a national health data system to hook all medical records together—without your consent.

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* ["Doctors not in stampede to go digital."](#) Catherine Arnst. The Boston Globe. May 4, 2010.

** ["Professors help digitalize health care."](#) Jessica Funke. UWIRE. July 19, 2010

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