



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Dear San Antonio Hospitals and Medical Providers,

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The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) is committed to helping San Antonio providers and hospitals achieve meaningful use as defined by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). As part of successful completion of *Stage One Meaningful Use* requirements, hospitals and providers must select one of three public health measures (Immunizations, laboratory, and syndromic surveillance) and demonstrate use of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology.

As the appropriate recipient of such public health data, SAMHD currently collects this information through other reporting mechanisms. Currently at the federal, state and local levels the standards and infrastructure necessary to electronically transmit *Stage One Meaningful Use* data using secure methods are steadily evolving. For this reason, **SAMHD currently is unable to receive Syndromic Surveillance Stage One Meaningful Use data at this time.**

As our vision for receiving *Meaningful Use* data develops, SAMHD strongly recommends continuation of *Stage One Meaningful Use* hospital and provider activities in preparation for Stages Two and Three.

For more information on the HITECH Act, please visit the following Texas resources on Meaningful use:

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership:

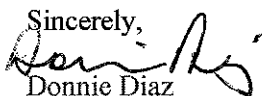
- http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/HealthIT/HIT_EHR.aspx

Texas Health and Human Services Commission:

- http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/oehc/EHR-Incentive.shtml

Texas Department of State Health Services:

- <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mu/>

Sincerely,

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