

DRAFT  
TO BE PRINTED ON RTI INTERNATIONAL LETTERHEAD

SUBJECT'S FULL NAME  
SUBJECT'S ADDRESS  
SUBJECT'S CITY, STATE ZIP

DATE

Dear Dr. (Mr./Ms.) SUBJECT'S LAST NAME,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our study, *Barriers to Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in Medicaid*. As a valued participant, you are in a unique position to inform the future of Federal policy related to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Even if you are not currently using an EHR system, your input will provide valuable insights.

Your focus group session/interview will be held:

**LOCATION/DIAL IN LINE:** ADDRESS, OR DIAL IN LINE IF VIRTUAL  
**DATE AND TIME:** DATE AND TIME.

The session will last approximately 2 hours and afterwards we will offer you a gift of \$200 as a token of our appreciation. Naturally, all of the information discussed during the focus group will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, including AHRQ's confidentiality statute, 42 USC 299c-3(c). Audio and/or video tapes of the session will help ensure accuracy, and we will destroy the tapes at the conclusion of our report writing.

This study is sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The purpose of this research is to understand the barriers health care providers encounter in meeting criteria to receive Medicaid incentive payments for using EHRs. During the focus group you may find yourself sharing experiences with other professionals including physicians, dentists, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Thank you for accepting this opportunity to help inform the future of health policy in the United States. If you are unable to attend this session please call us at your earliest opportunity so that we might find a substitute. If you have any questions about this research effort, please contact Dr. Sean O. Hogan at (800) 334-2571 ext. 2-5265. He is working with me on this project and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Best regards,

S/Charles Thompson  
Charles Thompson, Ph.D.  
Senior Health Policy Research Analyst and Project Director