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The Meaningful Use final rule has been released by the Department of Health and Human Services. HHS issued the rule at 10 a.m. this morning, along with an accompanying final rule setting data standards, implementation specifications and electronic health records certification criteria.

The announcement was made jointly by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius; Donald Berwick, M.D., Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator; David Blumenthal, M.D., National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; and Regina Benjamin, M.D., Surgeon General.

To view the 864-page rule in its entirety, visit  
[http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17207\\_PL.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17207_PL.pdf).

To view the final rule on standards, implementation specifications and EHR certification criteria, click here: [http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17210\\_PL.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17210_PL.pdf).

To read the official press release issued today by HHS, visit  
<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/07/20100713a.html>

CMS has also issued a Fact Sheet providing additional details at:  
[http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp)