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AHLA Releases Valuable HITECH Act Publication

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Health Lawyers Association is pleased to announce the release the *HITECH Act Resource Guide* containing in-depth analysis, practice tips, and a large collection of practical tools to aid healthcare providers in complying with the new health information technology regulations.

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) was created as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed into law in February 2009. The HITECH Act, authorizing a \$36 billion investment in health information technology and health information exchange, aims to improve the quality and efficiency and decrease the cost of healthcare.

The *Resource Guide* explores the provisions of the HITECH Act that substantially expand the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy and Security Rules, analyzes the HITECH Act provisions that provide Medicare and Medicaid incentives for the adoption of electronic health records, overviews the grants and loans available for the development of health information technology, and discusses the standards-setting process. Additionally, the *Resource Guide* includes a list of supplemental resources, a timeline of the HITECH Act, and definitions from the statute as well as sample policies, procedures, notices, and other tools.

This publication was written by AHLA member authors and was produced in response to significant interest from AHLA members and the healthcare community.

The *Resource Guide* is available for purchase and immediate download for \$99 (member price) and \$149 (non-member price) at www.healthlawyers.org/HITECH or by calling AHLA customer service at (202) 833-1100, prompt 2.

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