



## Election 2012

### EHRs and the 2012 Presidential Elections

By Ed Daniels, MSIE

It is impossible to know how each of the two presidential candidates would impact the electronic health record (EHR) industry if elected. However, that knowledge would be valuable to all of us who develop market, sell, implement and utilize EHRs. That knowledge would also be of interest to us as patients, whose records are stored in EHRs, and to our physicians who benefit from EHR use. Since we cannot know how these candidates will behave once elected, the best we can do is speculate based on available information.

According to Kate Ackerman, managing editor of [iHealthBeat](#), "Given the bipartisanship surrounding health IT..."

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## Patient Engagement

### Patient Engagement Continues to Gain Traction

By Maria Friedman, DBA, and Michael Solomon, PhD, MBA

Putting patients front-and-center in their care and treatment is not a new idea, but what is new is leveraging health policy and technology to create "patient engagement" — giving patients electronic access to their clinical information and using it to help guide their care in an active partnership with their providers. Despite skepticism by some stakeholders about its merits, the concept is continually gaining traction. According to the latest health care buzz, patient engagement is the "blockbuster drug of the century"...

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## Regional Extension Centers

### Regional Extension Centers Strive Toward a Sustainable Future

By Kurt Andrews, PhD

With a charter that was boldly going where nobody had gone before and limited federal funding through 2014, it was unclear at the creation of regional extension centers (RECs) whether they could succeed and create a sustainable future. Will they do it? With just less than 20 months to go in the RECs' funding lifecycle, the signs are pointing in the right direction.

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