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# 42 U.S. Code § 300jj-13

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## Setting priorities for standards adoption

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### **(a) Identifying priorities**

#### **(1) In general**

Not later than 6 months after the date on which the HIT Advisory Committee first meets, the National Coordinator shall periodically convene the HIT Advisory Committee to—

(A) identify priority uses of health information technology, focusing on priorities—

- (i) arising from the implementation of the incentive programs for the meaningful use of certified EHR technology, the Merit-based Incentive Payment System, Alternative Payment Models, the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program, and any other value-based payment program determined appropriate by the Secretary;
- (ii) related to the quality of patient care;
- (iii) related to public health;
- (iv) related to clinical research;
- (v) related to the privacy and security of electronic health information;
- (vi) related to innovation in the field of health information technology;
- (vii) related to patient safety;
- (viii) related to the usability of health information technology;
- (ix) related to individuals' access to electronic health information; and
- (x) other priorities determined appropriate by the Secretary;

(B) identify existing standards and implementation specifications that support the use and exchange of electronic health information needed to meet the priorities identified in subparagraph (A); and

(C) publish a report summarizing the findings of the analysis conducted under subparagraphs (A) and (B) and make appropriate recommendations.

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