The HITECH Act seeks to improve American health care delivery and patient care through an unprecedented investment in health information technology. The provisions of the HITECH Act are specifically designed to work together to provide the necessary assistance and technical support to providers, enable coordination and alignment within and among states, establish connectivity to the public health community in case of emergencies, and assure the workforce is properly trained and equipped to be meaningful users of EHRs. Combined these programs build the foundation for every American to benefit from an electronic health record, as part of a modernized, interconnected, and vastly improved system of care delivery.

**State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program:** A grant program to support States in establishing health information exchange (HIE) capability among healthcare providers and hospitals in their jurisdictions.

- Population Health Improvement - mission is to collaboratively establish policies, services, and innovations that make possible the appropriate, secure, and efficient exchange of health information for the purpose of improving health and health care safety, quality, access, and efficiency for all Californians. [http://www.caleconnect.org/](http://www.caleconnect.org/)

**Health Information Technology Extension Program:** A grant program to establish Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers to offer technical assistance, guidance and information on best practices to support and accelerate health care providers’ efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs).

- CalHIPSO - California Health Information Partnership and Services Organization
  - [http://www.calhipso.org/](http://www.calhipso.org/)
- HITECH-LA - Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center for Los Angeles
  - [http://www.lacare.org/aboutlacare/hitec-la](http://www.lacare.org/aboutlacare/hitec-la)
- COREC - Cal-Optima Regional Extension Center - Orange County
- National Indian Regional Extension Center -- California

**What is the total health IT funding?** > $32 billion $$ through 2014

Source: [http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/arrahealth.aspx#total](http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/arrahealth.aspx#total)

- $20.819 billion in incentives through the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement systems to assist providers and organizations in the adoption of electronic health records.
  - Eligible professionals may receive as much as $44,000 under Medicare and $63,750 under Medicaid, and hospitals may receive millions of dollars for implementation and meaningful use of certified EHRs under both Medicare and Medicaid.

**National EHR Incentive Program Payments as October 12, 2012 totals nearly $7.7 Billion**

- $4.8 billion in incentive payments to eligible hospitals;
- $1.4 billion in Medicare incentive payments to eligible health care professionals; and
- $1.2 billion in Medicaid incentive payments to eligible professionals.