



**IFMC Names e-MDs a Preferred Electronic Health Record Vendor**  
*Company selected by Iowa HITREC to achieve meaningful use of EHRs*

**AUSTIN, TX** – e-MDs, an industry leader in the development and implementation of electronic health record (EHR) and practice management (PM) solutions, announced they have been chosen for the IFMC’s Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (HITREC) *Preferred Vendor List*. The list represents the best products designed to help smaller practices and clinics achieve meaningful use of EHRs.

e-MDs was identified through a four-month vetting process conducted by the IFMC HITREC and is one of six named vendors that will facilitate adoption and implementation of certified EHR technology over the next two years. e-MDs scored well regarding functionality, pricing and a live demonstration analysis and was also recognized for its ability to aide in the reception of incentive payments for meaningful use that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will begin providing in 2011. Iowa practices and clinics choosing to participate and implement an EHR will receive technical support and consultation from the IFMC HITREC.

e-MDs has participated in several HITREC programs across the country and has been selected as a preferred vendor in several states.

“e-MDs is pleased to be a participant in Iowa’s HITREC program. We are looking forward to working closely with IFMC and supporting their efforts to help primary care providers in Iowa become meaningful users of EHR technology,” said Dr. Michael Stearns, CEO of e-MDs. “Meaningful use of EHRs will significantly benefit patient care in Iowa and other states. We were very impressed by the leadership of the IFMC management team and their commitment to excellence.

Over 1,000 physicians, physician’s assistants and nurse practitioners will participate in IFMC’s program encouraging greater use and adoption of health IT. “IFMC strives to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care,” said Jeff Chungath, IFMC CEO. “Our partnerships with preferred vendors, like e-MDs, enable us to affect greater change across Iowa.”

For more information on e-MDs, please visit [www.e-MDs.com](http://www.e-MDs.com).

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e-MDs is a leading developer of health care software solutions headquartered in Austin, Texas. The company, founded in 1996 by a primary care physician, remains physician and clinical informaticist managed and actively participates in national health information technology and interoperability efforts. e-MDs Solution Series™, with more than 26,000 users nationwide, is the standard for affordable and integrated EHR and PRACTICE MANAGEMENT software solutions, including clinical, financial and document management modules designed to automate medical practice processes and chart management. e-MDs Solution Series version 6.3 is a CCHIT Certified® 2008 Ambulatory EHR additionally certified for Cardiovascular Medicine and Child Health. The e-MDs Solution Series' comprehensive suite of products facilitates improvements in clinical care, a reduction in medical errors, and optimization of business practices. As testimony to our focus on ease of use and functionality, e-MDs has ranked at the top of all independent, unbiased, physician surveys thus far. For more information, please visit [www.e-mds.com](http://www.e-mds.com).

## About IFMC HITREC

As the federally designated HIT Regional Extension Center for Iowa, IFMC will help at least 1,200 primary care providers improve care for their patients through the adoption and meaningful use of EHRs. IFMC's strategy to successfully implement a self-sustaining Regional Center in Iowa builds on its practical experience, quality improvement expertise and high level technology support. These competencies will help Iowa practices achieve meaningful use of EHRs and engage in health information exchange. For more information, visit [www.iowahitrec.org](http://www.iowahitrec.org) or call 800-373-2964.