



ANI provides Written Testimony to NCVHS Hearings on ‘Meaningful Use’

The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI), a collaboration of organizations that enables a unified voice for nursing informatics that represents more than 5,000 nurse informaticists and works in collaboration with the nearly 3 million nurses in practice today, provided written testimony in response to the National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Hearings on ‘Meaningful Use’ of Health Information Technology held on April 28-29,

The written testimony included a statement of support from the American Nurses Association and identified the following **summary recommendations**:

- Include patient-centered documentation from all disciplines within the definition of “meaningful use,” – initially focus on patient summary data at transitions of care
- Collect standardized clinical performance measures as a byproduct of care delivery and clinician documentation
- Submit quality measures to the Department of Health and Human Services and other reporting entities, by using processes and infrastructure defined by the Healthcare Information and Technology Standards Panel (HITSP); initially focus on a subset of existing National Quality Forum endorsed measures, and include nursing sensitive measures
- Use existing initiatives such as HITSP and Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise to guide standards use within all systems that record, transmit, collect, and share information for care delivery
- Expand the definition of “meaningful user” to encompass support of all healthcare professionals, including registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses.

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