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- CHF Update
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Medical Economics

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Avoid meaningful use penalties — deadline July 1

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
July 1 is the deadline for avoiding the 2018 penalty imposed by the federal government's Electronic Health Record Incentive Program in its final year. If you were not successful in reporting Meaningful Use in 2016 (the performance year for the 2018 penalty), it's an opportune time to apply for the hardship. The application takes only minutes to complete and submit. Review the expanded exception criteria for applicability, noting that, for many, if not most, physicians, category 2.2.d will apply. With only a few days left before the deadline, do not delay. READ MORE

**Fighting AIDS in the Deep South: Glimmers of hope**

Stateline

Twenty years ago, Darlene Robertson moved back home to rural Louisiana to die. At the time, HIV was a death sentence, so she made her peace with it. But then something happened: Medication got better, which meant Robertson got better. "My doctor told me that I would die of old age before I die of this disease," said Robertson, 68, now the chair of the Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network, a nonprofit that educates state legislators about HIV/AIDS. READ MORE

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HealthcareDive

Some hot-button issues in healthcare these days are all too familiar: insurance premiums, access to coverage, drug prices, Medicaid expansion, and not to mention the recent MACRA proposed ruling. But, perhaps we should be paying a bit more attention to an issue truly threatening the future of healthcare in this country: a little-known technology program tucked away in a corner of the federal bureaucracy that most people have never heard of. READ MORE

**5 ways to improve patient safety via EHR design**

Becker's Hospital Review

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society EHR Association released a report on the intersection between EHR usability and patient safety. The report, titled "Electronic Health Record Design Patterns for Patient Safety," incorporates input from clinicians, human factors experts, software designers, software engineers and other stakeholders who have experience deploying EHRs in healthcare organizations. Here are five EHR design considerations to improve patient safety. READ MORE