This Week in Health Policy…

- ‘Insurance Finder’ on healthcare.gov
- Certified HIT Products List
- Physician Workforce Shortage
- Groundbreaking Lung Cancer Research

Office of Health Policy and Government Relations
The new ‘Insurance Finder’ is now available on www.healthcare.gov. Consumers may now enter their profile into a user-friendly tool, which will then direct them to the health plans that are best suited to meet their needs. Click here for details.

**Highlights**

- Price and benefit comparisons
- Over 4,400 policies
- Over 200 insurers
- All 50 states, plus D.C.
- Avoids “insurance speak”

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The ONC has issued the **Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL)**. As noted in a previous edition of *Policy Beat*, only those products that ultimately appear on the CHPL will receive the credentials necessary for meeting ‘meaningful use’ attestation requirements. This document will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Providers are urged to consult the CHPL if they are considering the implementation of new HIT systems, or seeking to upgrade current infrastructure. For more details, click here: [http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert](http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert)

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Demand and Supply: America Needs More Doctors

According to the latest estimates by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the Affordable Care Act will amplify the nation’s physician shortage. Please click here for details from their recently released report.

Notably, AAMC observes:

• USA will need an additional 91,000 docs by 2020.
• This crisis predates the Affordable Care Act.
• One in three current docs will retire by 2020.
• Underserved populations will bear the brunt of this disparity.

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Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, claiming more American lives than colorectal, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancers, combined!

Click here for fast facts about lung cancer.

This week, the National Science Foundation (NSF) announced the development of a minimally-invasive technique for detecting lung cancer. By "merely shining diffuse light on cells swabbed from patients’ cheeks", NSF-funded researchers were able to differentiate patients with lung cancer from those without. Click here for details.

NMA endorses the proliferation of such ground-breaking research, and the increased public and private funding that makes such investigation possible.

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