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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 938

**DATE:** September 7, 2010  
**TO:** Radiology Facilities  
**ISSUED BY:** Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise  
**RE:** Feedback Requested for Health IT Planning  
**EFFECTIVE:** **Immediately**

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) requests your participation in an important step advancing the use of health information technology (health IT) in Iowa. The IME is working closely with Iowa stakeholders to improve health care through the use of health IT. An important step in advancing health IT is the development of the Medicaid State Health Information Technology Plan, which includes determining provider health IT preferences, perceived barriers and status of technology use.

Iowa e-Health is a public and private collaboration with a mission of improving health care quality, safety and efficiency through the use of health IT. This includes electronic health records (EHRs) and other electronic clinical software to collect and store patient health information, and a statewide health information exchange (HIE) to share health records across the boundaries of health care settings.

In August, **each radiology facility in Iowa would have received an e-mail message** from Iowa Department of Public Health Director Tom Newton, asking you to complete an online Iowa e-Health assessment. The assessment includes questions regarding health IT capabilities, preferences, and perceived benefits and barriers. We ask that you help us by completing the online assessment. This will help ensure that radiology provider voices are heard in health IT planning and implementation. **If you have not received the assessment e-mail, please call (800) 710-8891 or email [peter-damiano@uiowa.edu](mailto:peter-damiano@uiowa.edu).**

Visit [www.idph.state.ia.us/ehealth](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ehealth) for more information about Iowa e-Health and plans for the statewide HIE. Contact Kory Schnoor ([kschnoor@idph.state.ia.us](mailto:kschnoor@idph.state.ia.us) or 515-281-6068) for questions related to the assessment.

For information or questions regarding Medicaid's EHR incentive payment program, please contact:

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