IHS Electronic Dental Record
Fact Sheet

Background

The IHS Electronic Dental Record (EDR) is a commercial off-the-shelf dental clinical and practice management software application that is integrated with the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) or can be used as a stand alone application for tribal/urban programs not using RPMS. The EDR will provide all the necessary clinical and dental practice management functionality needed by I/T/U Dental Programs.

How do I get the EDR?

Any facility wishing to obtain the EDR must meet the basic requirement of having personal computers with network connectivity in each dental operatory. Facilities that meet this requirement must then complete a facility survey. A facility survey can be requested by sending an email to Dr. George Chiarchiaro, EDR Project Manager at george.chiarchiaro@ihs.gov or by filling out the survey online at
http://www.doh.ihs.gov/EDR/index.cfm?fuseaction=facility.display
After receipt and review of the completed site survey a site visit will be scheduled. Once a site has been determined to meet EDR readiness standards, it will be scheduled for EDR implementation subject to funds availability. If a site does not meet the readiness standards, it is the site's responsibility to upgrade their systems prior to re-applying for EDR implementation.

How much does EDR cost?

Sites that participate in the process described above will be responsible for only those costs associated with the initial hardware (servers and operatory PCs) and software maintenance after the first year. Cost estimates are as follows:

Servers (2 at approx $8,000 each) = $16,000
Operatory PCs = approx $3,000 per operatory
Software maintenance and support = approx $600/year (beginning in year 2)

IHS funding for EDR implementation is limited each year. Sites that do not want to wait for IHS funded implementation and are willing to support EDR implementation with their own funds may do so using the IHS contract. The costs associated with self funding and a process for self funded EDR implementations has not yet been determined.

What happens to my dental data when I get EDR?

Interfaces between the EDR and RPMS will send dental data to PCC. The dental data is then extracted as part of the PCC data extraction for transmission to the National Data Warehouse.

Can I bill third parties using the EDR?

Facilities that currently use the RPMS Third Party Billing Package can continue to do so without interruption. The EDR contains its own third party billing functionality for those programs that choose to use EDR as a stand alone application.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the EDR website at http://www.doh.ihs.gov/EDR/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.display and review the Frequently Asked Questions.