

## **Health Information Compliance Alert**

## **Enforcement News: Public Gets More Time to Comment on Interoperability Rules**

Do you need more time to peruse the interoperability rules that the **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** (CMS) and the **HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology** (ONC) released in February? Then you're in for a treat.

**Extension:** HHS decided to extend the deadline to June 3, 2019, giving the public more time to weigh in. "This extension responds to requests from a variety of stakeholders, including healthcare provider organizations and industry representatives," says an HHS release.

Review the nine fact sheets on the ONC rule and submit your comments at <a href="https://www.healthit.gov/topic/laws-regulation-and-policy/notice-proposed-rulemaking-improve-interoperability-health.">https://www.healthit.gov/topic/laws-regulation-and-policy/notice-proposed-rulemaking-improve-interoperability-health.</a>

Read the CMS rule in the Federal Register and submit your opinion at <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/04/2019-02200/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-interoperability-and">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/04/2019-02200/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-interoperability-and</a>.