



## Tennessee

**Number (Percent) of Responding Health Centers\*: 19 (86%)**

### Acquisition and Use of Electronic Health Information

Percent reporting that they **submit claims electronically**:

- 95% Yes
- 5% No
- 0% Don't Know

Percent reporting that they **use Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)**:

- 0% Yes, all electronic
- 21% Yes, part paper and part electronic
- 79% No

Percent reporting that they **plan to install a new EMR system or replace the current system** within the next 3 years:

- 53% Yes
- 16% No
- 26% Maybe
- 5% Don't Know

Percent reporting that have **more than one primary care delivery site**: 84%

Of these, percent reporting the capacity their other sites have on average:

- Less capacity than primary site: 31%
- About the same capacity: 69%
- Greater capacity: 0%

Percent reporting that they maintain any **disease-specific patient registries** (e.g., depression, diabetes, asthma): 84%

Percent reporting that they maintain any patient registries as part of HRSA's **Health Disparities Collaboratives**: 74%

### Barriers to Adopting Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)

Respondents Rate the <b>Importance of Select Barriers</b> to Implementing an EMR at Their Health Center	<b>Not at all Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
Unable to integrate the EMR with practice's billing/claims submission system	11%	16%	26%	47%
Added value of EMR does not justify investment	26%	37%	26%	11%
Lack of capital to invest in EMR	12%	12%	18%	59%
Lack of support from physicians	21%	16%	42%	21%
Lack of support from non-physician providers	26%	32%	37%	5%
Inability to evaluate, compare, and select the appropriate EMR system	16%	53%	11%	21%
Currently available software does not meet the health center's needs	39%	17%	33%	11%
Concern about loss of productivity or income during transition to the EMR system	0%	26%	37%	37%

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### Health Information Technology Planning & Staffing

Percent reporting that they have a **dedicated health information technology staff person or Chief Information Officer**:

- 47% Yes
- 47% No
- 5% Don't Know

Percent reporting that they utilize the following **additional information systems** or computer support staff:<sup>^</sup>

- A network: 42%
- Contractual arrangements: 42%
- Larger organizational structure:<sup>#</sup> 21%
- None of the above: 16%

Reported role of <b>health center's governing board</b> in implementing an EMR: <sup>^</sup>	Percent Reporting
Approved a budget for implementation of an EMR	42%
Approved/ assisted with the development of a strategic plan for health IT/EMR	16%
Established a board workgroup on health center information technology issues	0%
Identified or approved network partners for HIT	16%
Had/has one or more representatives serving on a regional health information organization (RHIO) or similar health information technology organization <sup>†</sup>	11%
Initiated efforts to highlight health information technology adoption at the health center	5%

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#### About the 2006 Survey of Health Center Use of Electronic Health Information

The National Association of Community Health Centers, Harvard Medical School/MGH, and George Washington University conducted and funded this survey, with additional survey assistance from faculty at Yale University. Executive Directors of all federally-funded health centers in 2004 (N=914) received the survey by mail and email, and data were collected from March through May 2006. National response rate is 79.5%. Data in this fact sheet are based on available responses. The maximum percent of responses nationwide that were missing for questions on barriers was 6.9%, and 1.7% for any other question. The final report is forthcoming. For more information, email [healthit@nachc.com](mailto:healthit@nachc.com).

Note: Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

\* Based on the number of federally-funded health centers in 2004. For more recent information, see [www.nachc.com/research/ssbysdat.asp](http://www.nachc.com/research/ssbysdat.asp).

<sup>^</sup> Health centers may select all that apply and therefore responses do not total 100%.

<sup>#</sup> I.e., affiliate medical center, university, or health department.

<sup>†</sup> In some states, the Primary Care Association may be an active participant in a RHIO or state-wide initiative promoting health information exchange.