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Consider your Options: Hosting Provides an Efficient Way to Implement an EHR

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Healthcare IT adoption incentives referenced in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) begin in 2011, with EHR adoption required by 2015 to avoid penalties. These timelines require hospitals and physicians to fast track efforts to select, provision, and implement their EHR choices. 2015 is fast approaching, and with the goal of achieving “meaningful use,” cash-strapped hospitals are looking for effective ways to implement and improve an Electronic Health Record (EHR) as required by federal guidelines.

It’s a major undertaking, and it can require serious planning and significant capital expense. Conservative hospital budgets and resource constraints are a compelling reason to explore all of the various options—including MSite.

MSite, Perot Systems’ managed hosting service for the MEDITECH community, helps healthcare organizations quickly achieve the implementation of an EHR with minimal capital investment. MSite may also help hospitals qualify for ARRA incentive payments by supporting the successful use of MEDITECH’s CCHIT-certified Healthcare Information System.

MSite can meet all of your organization’s infrastructure needs for a predictable monthly expense—while assuring best-practice approaches to just about all of the most complex issues facing healthcare IT today, including:

- Backup and operational recovery
- Data management
- Disaster recovery
- Interoperability
- Infrastructure implementation
- System maintenance
- Information security
- Data center environmentals
- MEDITECH application deployment

A customizable solution that offers high availability and performance at an affordable price

We work side-by-side with MEDITECH to certify components in our in-house lab, creating high-availability MEDITECH reference architectures that are the gold standard for the MEDITECH community. These reliable, high-performance designs are the core of our MSite hosting platform, built to ensure maximum uptime and optimal systems performance. MSite is able to provide a cost advantage to our customers over self-hosting with reduced costs resulting from economies of scale, cloud infrastructure, and shared data center resources.

But hosting is by no means a “one-size-fits-all” answer. Each healthcare organization is unique, and every MSite solution is custom tailored to the specific needs of the organization.

We're ready to help every step of the way. In addition to infrastructure hosting, Perot Systems offers application consulting services to help customers design and manage workflows, optimizing MEDITECH from the user perspective. These services play a key factor in system adoption by physicians and caregivers, and can ultimately make the difference in the successful achievement of meaningful use.

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