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Free EMR Solutions by Medicare

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Is anything ever free these days? Maybe so.

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Both upfront and ongoing costs have been critical factors in the lagging EMR adoption rate. Medicare

The proposed system is VistA, (Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture)

Installed in over 1300 inpatient and outpatient facilities, the system is well-established and

A doctor in a New York Time article writes:

^It is one thing to use a system that someone else installed and someone else maintains. It is

Those who have tried to install Vista on their own would agree.

^Giving out a version of VistA is a great idea," said Dr. David Kibbe, director of the Center

The problems with the healthcare sector and its slow adoption of electronic medical records are

The healthcare system is extremely fragmented, with thousands upon thousands of practices all

A key challenge for systems with large installation bases is often that the system becomes rigid

While Medicare's plan is to offer the software for free, one must ask what free is. Currently

Maybe Medicare could focus more of their resources in the development and promotion of better

After all, isn't the patient's best interest the goal of healthcare in the 21st century?

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