IBM Welcomes Introduction of the MEDTECH Act

Washington, D.C. (December 4, 2014) – IBM today expressed support for the “Medical Electronic Data Technology Enhancement for Consumers’ Health Act,” or the MEDTECH Act, with the following statement:

“IBM strongly supports the MEDTECH Act, and applauds this bipartisan effort by Senators Orrin Hatch and Michael Bennet to provide regulatory clarity and certainty critical to advancing innovation in healthcare IT. This bill would pave the way for new technologies that can help clinicians better identify and personalize patient treatment options.

IBM Watson is one example of innovation that can assist doctors and nurses by delivering evidence-based medical insights and intelligence with new speed and precision.

Fostering new advancements in health IT will enhance the patient experience, while improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of care. With that goal in mind, we look forward to working with the Senators, and leaders of the 114th Congress, to pass this critical bipartisan legislation into law.”

- Christopher Padilla, Vice President, IBM Governmental Programs

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