

Survey Statistics – Grant Funds Available for Electronic Health Records and Interoperability

Small Businesses:

A total of 1,072 (35.5%) respondents affirmed to meet the definition of a “small business” (fig.1). A small business is defined as a “business for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees.” Of the small businesses, 561 (52.3%) respondents answered “Yes” they are interested in applying for a grant to assist in coming into compliance with the new requirement, while 201 (18.8%) answered “Maybe” (fig. 2).



Fig 1. Businesses that meet the definition of a small business

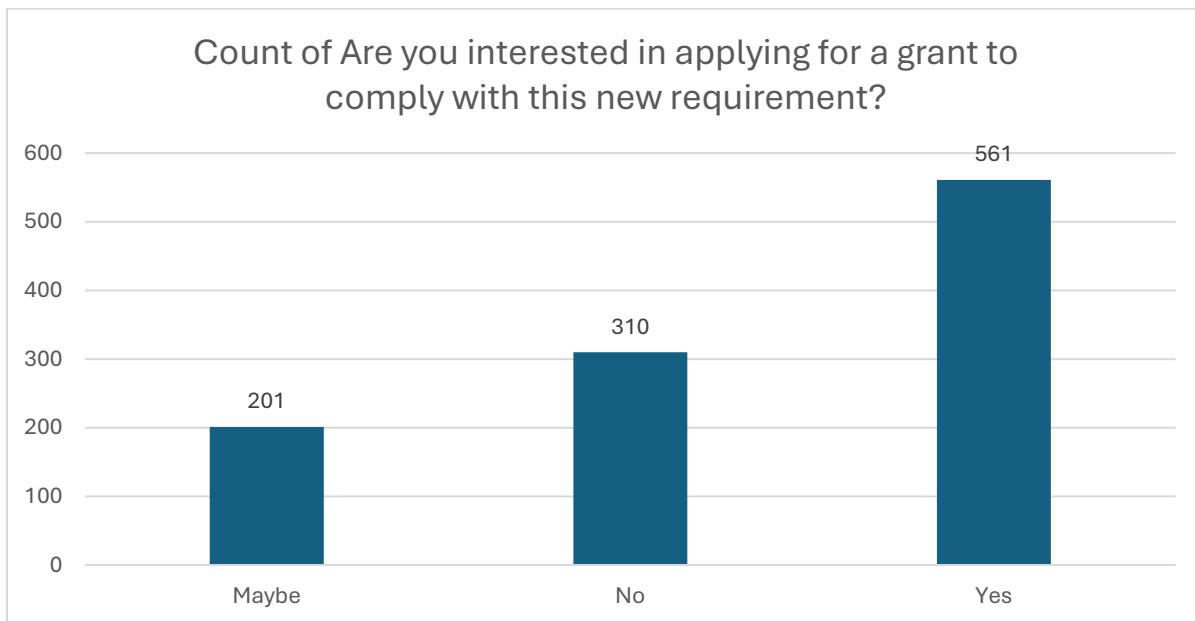


Fig 2. Small Business interest in applying for a grant to comply with this new requirement

Eligible Businesses:

A total of 1,145 (37.9%) respondents met the requirements to receive a grant (fig. 3). To receive a grant, a provider of healthcare or medical facility must have a staff of less than 50 people or work for an entity that has a staff of less than 50 people. Of that group, 610 (53.2%) answered “Yes” they were interested in applying for a grant to come into compliance with the new requirements, while 231 (20.2%) answered “Maybe” (fig. 4).

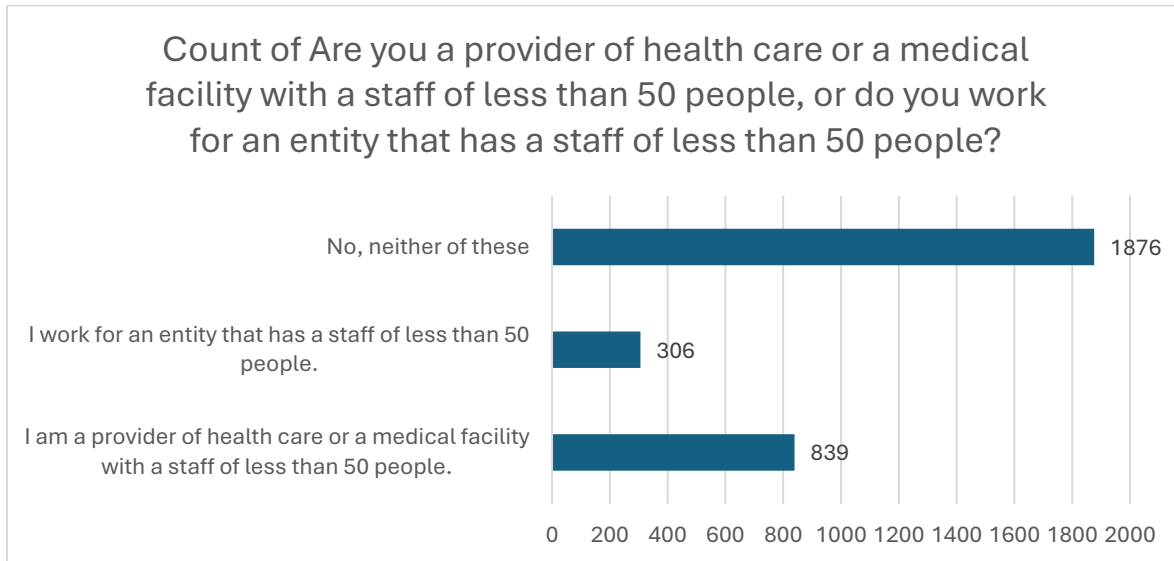


Fig 3. Businesses that meet the requirements to receive a grant

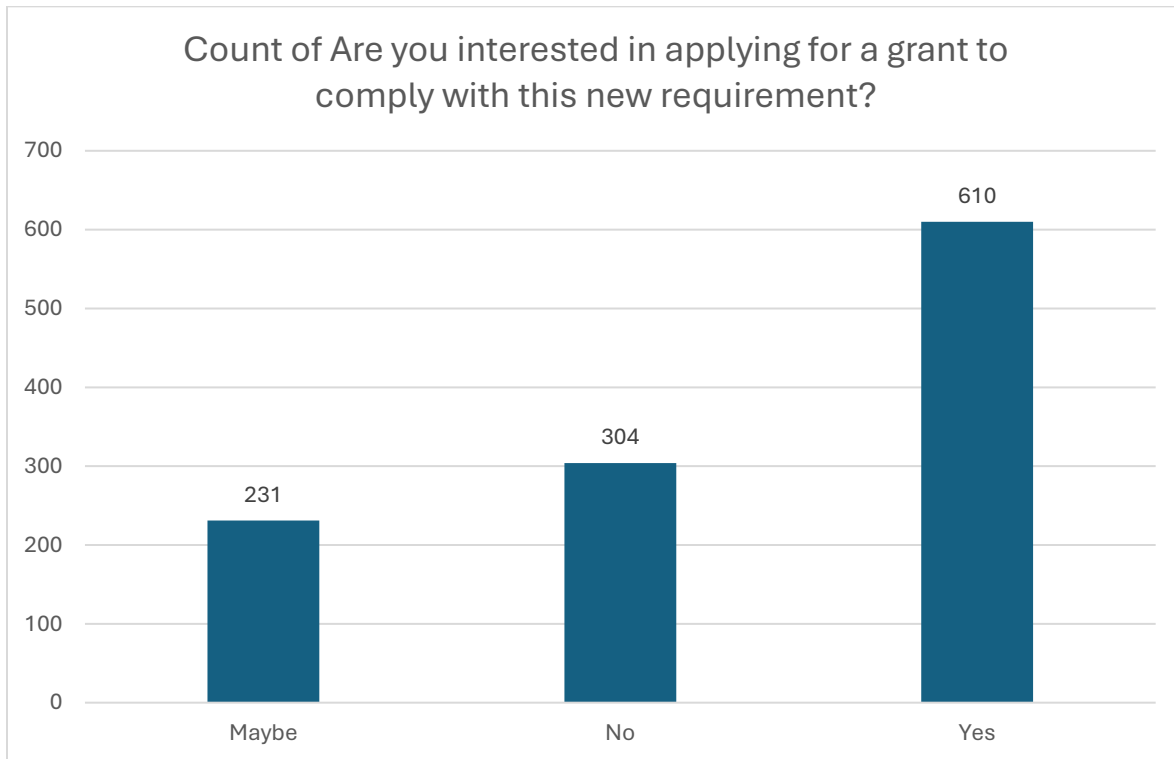


Fig 4. Eligible Businesses' interest in applying for a grant to comply with the new requirement

Respondents by Profession:

There was a total of 3021 responses to the survey, of those responses there were 737 unique responses asking for the respondent’s profession. To extract useful information, the professions were grouped into categories: Physicians, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Administrative Staff and Support, Healthcare Technicians, Behavioral and Mental Health Professionals, Dentists and Dental Hygienists, Other Specialties, Academic Support and Staff, and Other. Specialties who fall under “Other Specialties” are Audiologists, Clinical Research Diabetes Specialists, and Professional Patient Advocates.

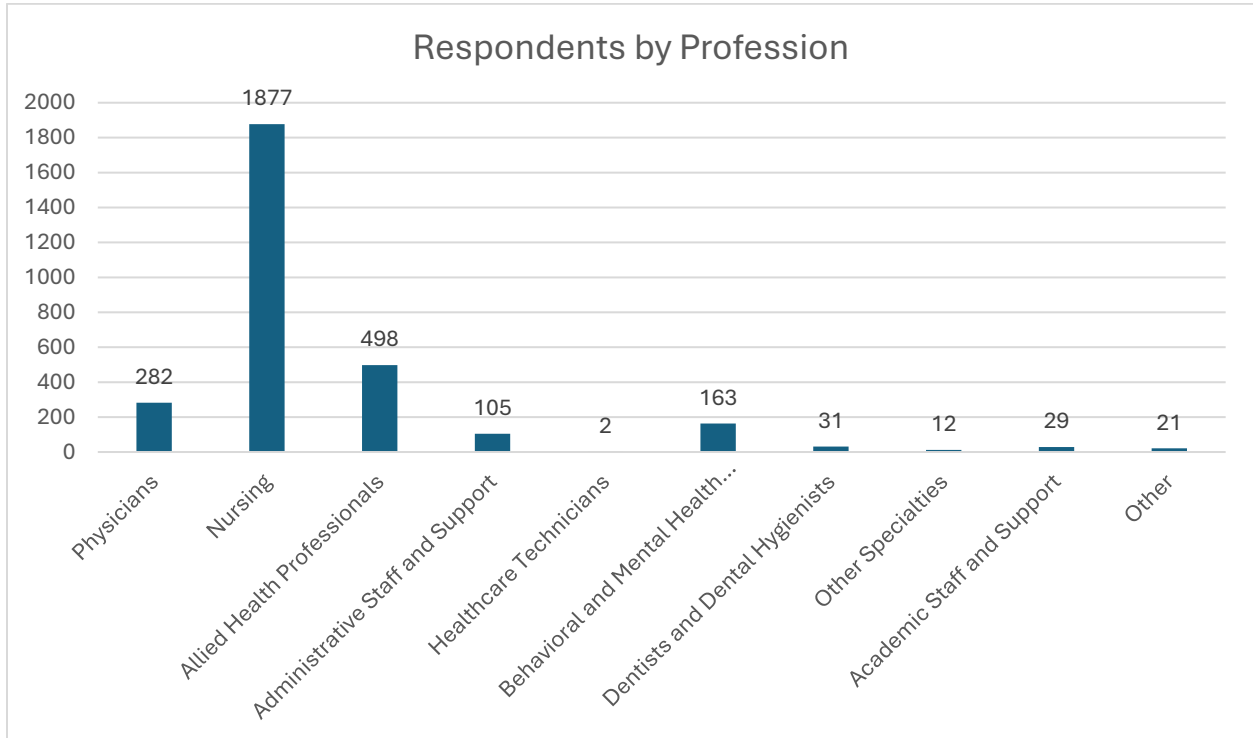


Fig 5. Clustered Column Chart: Respondents by Profession

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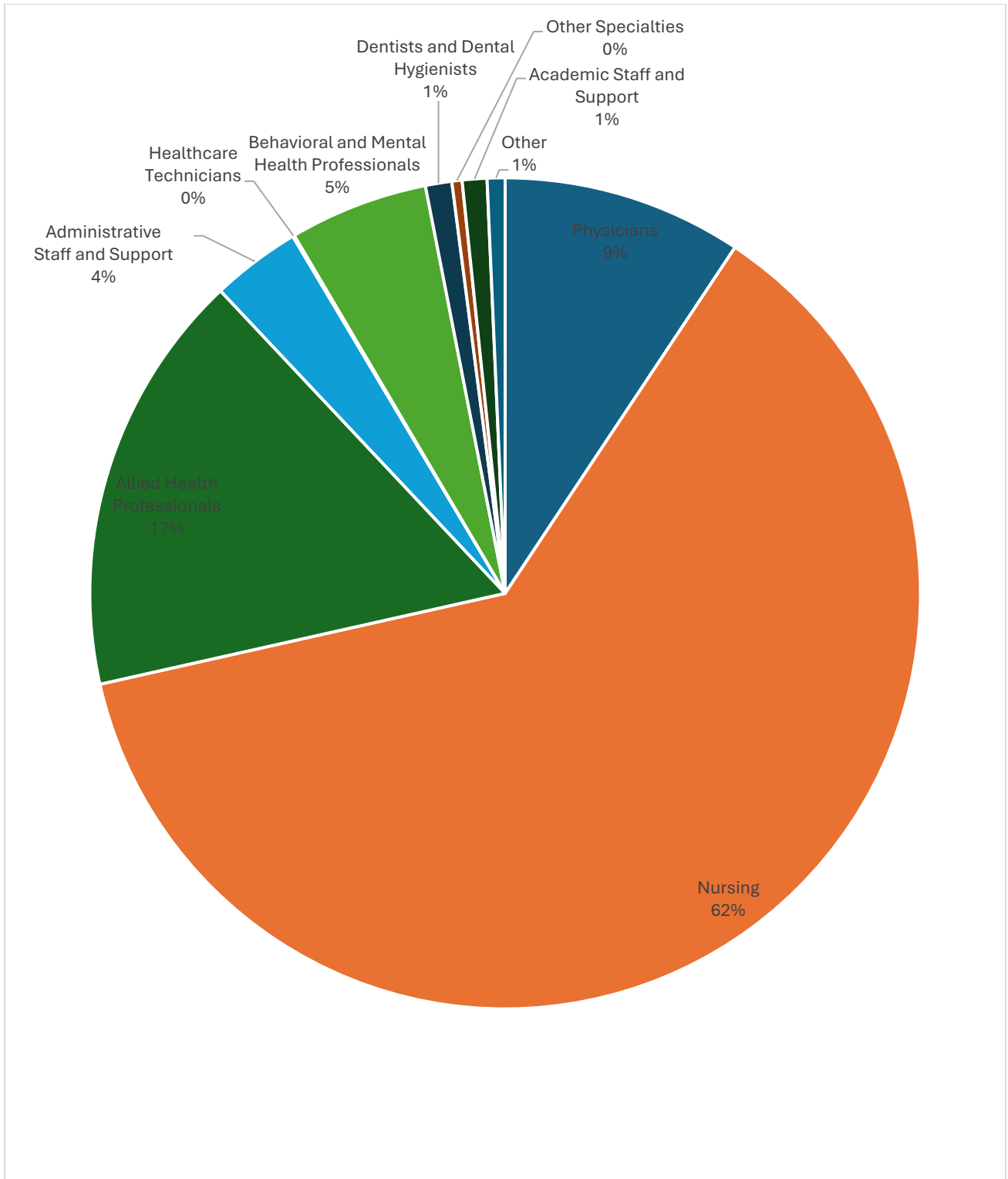


Fig 6. Pie Chart: Respondents by Profession

Engagement:

In the survey, we evaluated interest and engagement in grants to comply with new requirements by analyzing respondents' interest in being contacted by email when new information became available. First, analyzing overall engagement, 44.4% of the 3021 respondents expressed interest in receiving email updates (fig. 7). Next, among the 1072 respondents who meet the definition of a "small business" 75.6% wanted to be on the email list (fig. 8). Finally, within the eligible population of 1145 respondents, 76.4% indicated interest in email updates (fig. 9). Notably, there is a substantial level of interest within both the eligible business and small business population, surprisingly there is a similar level of engagement between the two subsets. However, it's worth noting that the eligible business population is larger than the small business population, which contradicts expectations. This discrepancy suggests that some respondents may have provided inaccurate answers.

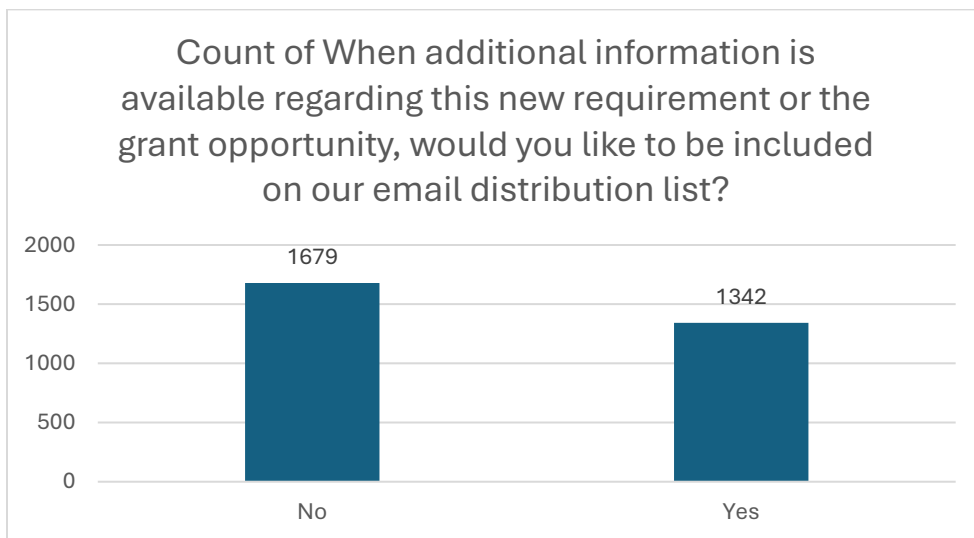


Fig 7. Overall Respondents Engagement

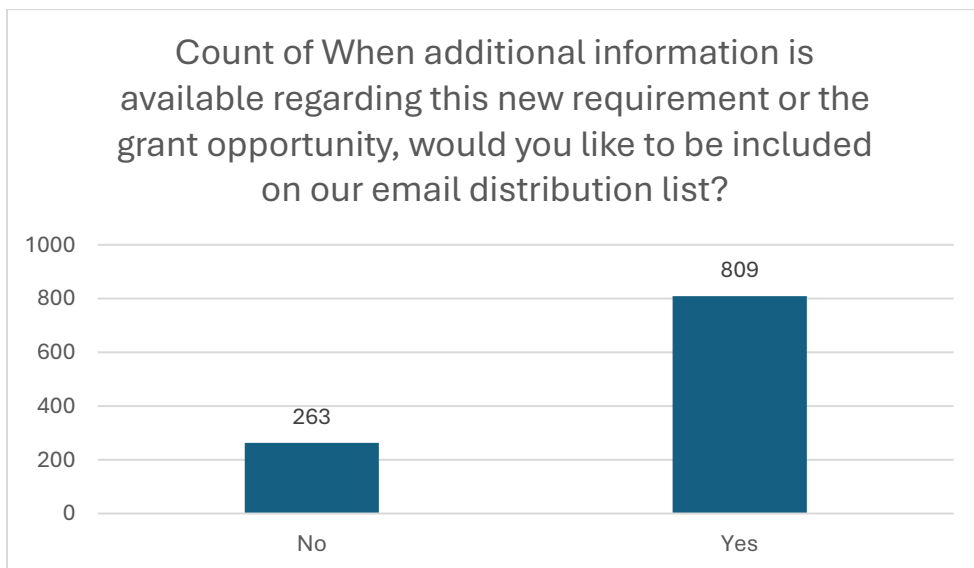


Fig 8. Small Business Respondents Engagement

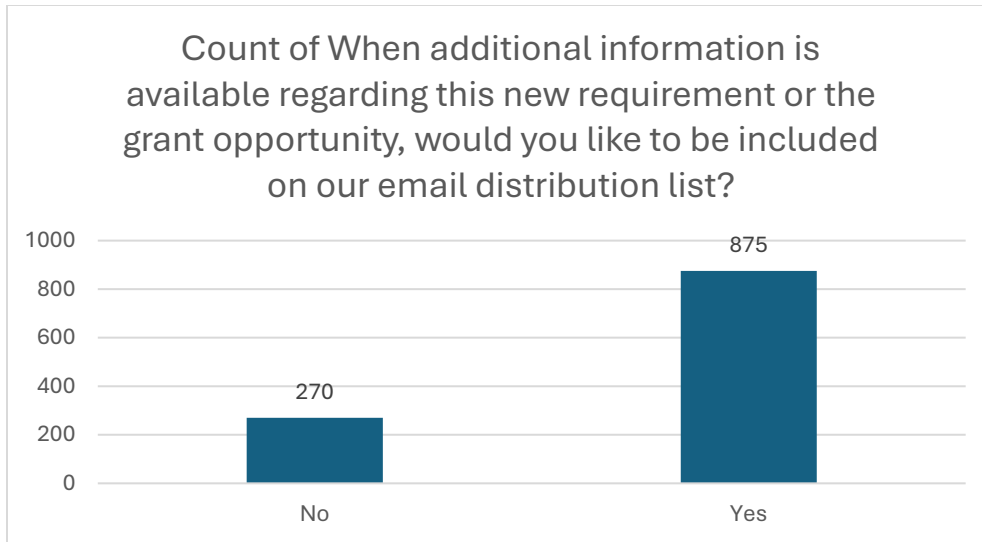


Fig 9. Eligible Business Respondents Engagement

Feedback - Common Themes:

1. Concerns about the financial strain associated with implementing and maintaining EHR/EMR systems.
2. Concerns that the EHR/EMR bill represents government overreach into healthcare.
3. Concerns that EHR/EMR systems do not sufficiently enhance healthcare delivery.
4. Concerns for patient data privacy and confidentiality.
5. Concerns that EHR/EMR will cause providers/business/entities to leave or go out of business due to the bill.
6. Questions regarding grant eligibility.
7. Questions regarding appropriate use of grant funds.
8. Questions regarding who is exempt from the EHR/EMR bill.
9. Questions if existing EHR/EMR systems will comply with the new bill.
10. Many express confusions and seek clarity on the bill and how it will affect their practices.
11. Requests for additional information