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Dear South Carolina HIM Professionals,

The SCHIMA Community Education Coordinators partnered with the Medicare-sponsored *MyPHRSC* campaign this year. Seth Edlavitch, MyPHRSC Project Director, allowed our team to work with his team at a few of their venues in the Columbia area this year, and it is my hope that we will be at an event near you in 2009.

Below you will find the latest update on the campaign, as well as a link to an editorial which aired recently on our WIS news affiliate. Please take a few minutes and view the editorial. It is very well done, and will increase interest in creating Personal Health Records, and medical records in general.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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**PERSPECTIVE:
WIS editorial on
personal health
records**

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=9436948>

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My Personal Health Record, South Carolina (MyPHRSC)
Seth Edlavitch, MyPHRSC Project Director

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a pilot project in April 2008 to encourage people with Original Medicare to manage their health care services and better communicate with members of their health care team through the use of an internet-based resource called a Personal Health Record (PHR). My Personal Health Record, South Carolina (MyPHRSC), is an electronic Personal Health Record that gives people with Original Medicare free access to their Medicare information from the past 24 months, including medical conditions, hospitalizations, and doctor visits. The PHR also allows users to enter their own information to their record (e.g., Medications, allergies, notes, non-Medicare covered visits).

Registering for MyPHRSC is optional and does not have any impact on current Medicare coverage. Medicare information will be available 48 hours after a person registers. CMS ensures strict privacy and security safeguards to protect all beneficiary data.

As of November 2008, there were over 3,600 registered users throughout South Carolina, with at least one registered user in every county of the State. People with Original Medicare living in South Carolina may register for MyPHRSC at any time by going to www.myphrsc.com on the web.

For additional questions, send an email to questions@myphrsc.com or call (888) 697-4772.