

More doctors, hospitals using electronic records

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(AP)—The Obama administration says more doctors and hospitals are embracing technology as adoption of computerized medical records reaches a "tipping point" in America.

A report Wednesday from Health and Human Services says more than 50 percent of doctors' offices and 4 in 5 hospitals have transitioned from paper to [electronic records](#), thanks partly to more than \$14 billion in government incentive payments.

The hope is that electronic records will make caring for patients safer and less costly, by helping avoid mistakes and cutting down on duplication.

But others say there's still a long way to go. An outside group's report last year found little progress in getting medical computers in different offices to talk to each other. Concerns have also surfaced about [patient privacy](#) and vulnerability to fraud.

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