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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2406
Healthcare Information Technology Enterprise Integration Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on October 24, 2007*

H.R. 2406 would direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop a plan to coordinate efforts by the health care industry and federal agencies to integrate the information systems that support health care services. The bill also would require NIST to report to the Congress on the status of efforts to develop guidelines and standards to ensure that such information technology (IT) systems are interoperable and secure. H.R. 2406 also would authorize NIST to establish a grant program to encourage the development of IT systems that would meet established standards. Finally, the bill would require the Director of NIST to establish a task force to develop a strategic plan to standardize the terms and classifications used in developing integrated IT systems.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$8 million in each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Based on information from NIST, CBO estimates that implementing the provisions of H.R. 2406 would cost \$16 million over the 2008-2012 period, subject to appropriation of the amounts authorized to be appropriated to NIST in the America COMPETES Act. Enacting H.R. 2406 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2406 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would authorize a grant program that could benefit public institutions of higher education. Any costs they might incur would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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