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be easy to overlook the growing concerns that many healthcare providers are starting to voice.

Despite the noble efforts of the HITECH Act, as well as the substantial capabilities of EHR technology, many healthcare providers today are struggling to ensure that they have the network infrastructure in place in order to adequately support the new government requirements. While it's true that more physicians than ever before are entering notes into the system, accessing clinical data from different organizations, and receiving alerts during an appointment, many are unhappy with the systems themselves, as well as the level of connectivity needed in order to support them.

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providers say ... value and more ... system to replace

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