ARRA and IT Job Creation in Healthcare

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included HITECH provisions aimed at improving the use of computing technology in healthcare. In conjunction with providing stimulus money for the implementation of electronic medical records, the bill anticipates the creation of 25,000 new information technology jobs and supports a variety of educational and job training initiatives to achieve that goal. This presentation will review those provisions, steps that have been currently taken, and provide a perspective on the skills and training likely to lead to successful employment.

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Pizza and Soft Drinks