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Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program – Section 132 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) authorized a new and separate incentive program for eligible providers (EPs) who are successful electronic prescribers (e-prescribers) as defined by MIPPA. This new incentive program, which began on January 1, 2009, is separate from and is in addition to the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS or PQRI) and EHR Incentive programs. EPs do not need to participate in PQRS or PQRI to participate in the eRx Incentive Program.

More information on the eRx Incentive Program can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive.

*Number of providers varies by package purchased. Additional provider licenses are \$24.99 per month. After June 30, 2013, eRx will be \$24.99 per provider per month.

Who is eligible to participate in the eRx Incentive Program?

To participate in the eRx Incentive Program, you must have prescribing authority. Below is how Medicare and Medicaid defines an EP.

- Medicare – A doctor of medicine or osteopathy, a doctor of dental surgery or dental medicine, a doctor of podiatric medicine, a doctor of optometry, or a chiropractor.
- Medicaid – Physicians, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, dentist, physician assistants who practice in a Federally Qualified Health Center, and Rural Health Clinics led by a physician assistant.

What is the time frame for the eRx Incentive Program?

The eRx incentive payments are available until 2013. Beginning in 2012, payment adjustments will take effect for EPs who are not successful e-prescribers.

What are the maximum incentive payments an EP can receive through the eRx Incentive Program?

EPs who are successful e-prescribers can qualify to earn an incentive payment based on a percentage of their total estimated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) allowed charges processed no later than 2 months after the end of the reporting period. For reporting years 2011 and 2012, EPs who submit as few as 10 electronic subscriptions can qualify to earn an incentive payment equal to 1.0 percent of allowed charges. For reporting year 2013, EPs can qualify to earn an incentive payment of 0.5 percent of allowed charges. Beginning in 2012, EPs who are not successful e-prescribers in 2011 and do not qualify for a hardship exception will be subject to a payment penalty equal to 1.0 percent of their Medicare PFS allowed charges. The payment penalty increases to 1.5 percent in 2013 and 2.0 percent in 2014.

Example Scenario

In the calendar year 2011, Dr. Smith:

- Submitted \$50,000 in allowed charges to Medicare during calendar year 2011.
- Adopted, implemented, or upgraded certified EHR technology and elected to receive his EHR Incentive Program payment through his state's Medicaid program.
- Satisfactorily reported data on PQRS measures and qualified for a PQRS incentive payment.
- Qualified to earn an eRx incentive payment because in addition to meeting the criteria for being a successful e-prescriber, more than 10 percent of the doctor's MPFS allowed charges were composed of services included in the eRx measure's denominator.

Q: How much in incentive payments will Dr. Smith receive for 2011?

A: For 2011, Dr. Smith will receive a total of \$22,250 in incentive payments.

This payment is explained in the below table.

	PQRS (Medicare)	eRx (Medicare)	EHR		Total Incentive Payment
			Medicare	Medicaid	
Program EP Participates In	X	X		X	
Incentive Payment Amount	\$500	\$500		\$21,250*	\$22,250
	1% of the \$50,000 in allowed charges processed by Medicare	1% of the \$50,000 in allowed charges processed by Medicare		The maximum incentive payment available through Medicaid	

*If Dr. Smith were applying for the Medicare EHR Incentive payments for 2011, he would not be eligible to also receive the eRx Incentive Program payment of \$500 (as calculated above), but would still be eligible for the PQRS incentive.

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