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E-PRESCRIBE

The E – Prescribe initiative is worth a 2% Incentive Payment from Medicare!! This incentive payment is available in addition to the PQRI Incentive Payment!

Issues to note effective January 1, 2009

E – Prescribe Physicians who use e- prescribing technology are eligible for 2% Incentive payment from Medicare. This bonus phases down to 1% in 2012 and .5% in 2013.

How the E- prescribe program works:

1. Need a “qualified” e-prescribe system or EMR with an e-prescribe functionality.
2. A qualified e-prescribe system must be able to:
 - ✓ Generate a complete medication list.
 - ✓ Select medications, transmit prescriptions electronically and warn the prescriber of possible undesirable or unsafe situations.
 - ✓ Provide information on lower cost therapeutically appropriate alternatives.
 - ✓ Provide information on formulary or tiered formulary medications, patient eligibility, and authorization requirements received electronically from the patient’s drug plan.

E-reporting

How do I report?

1. To receive the incentive, you must bill the following E/M codes to Medicare:

90801	90808	96150	99204	99215	G0101
90802	90809	96151	99205	99241	G0108
90804	92002	96152	99211	99242	G0109
90805	92004	99201	99212	99243	
90806	92012	99202	99213	99244	
90807	92014	99203	99214	99245	

- Report one of the three G=codes listed below on more than 50% of the (Medicare) cases billed using the E/M codes listed on step 1.

E-prescribing Incentive Program Quick Reference: G-Codes	
If You . . .	Report
Used a qualified e-prescribing system for all of the prescriptions.	G8443
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but , didn't generate any prescriptions during this encounter.	G8445
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but , prescribed narcotics or other controlled substances.*	G8446
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, and , State or Federal law required you to phone in or print the prescriptions.	G8446
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, and , the patient asked that you phone in or print the prescriptions.	G8446
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, and , the pharmacy system can't receive electronic transmission.	G8446

E-prescribing solutions:

- No cost solutions include Availity (if you participate with Availity) See www.Availity.com.
- National Rx (www.nationalrx.com).

*The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) currently prohibits e-prescribing for controlled substances. The DEA has issued a proposed rule to allow e-prescribing for controlled substances under certain conditions. Even if the DEA allows e-prescribing for controlled substances, G-code G8446 allows you to report on the e-prescribing measure for controlled substances without using an e-prescribing system to do so.



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