

Avoid e-prescribing penalties

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Agenda

- Penalties for not e-prescribing
- Requirements (Who must report?)
- Hardships
- Next Steps (What did we do?)
- What is a qualified eRx program? What are the reporting options?
- Questions

Penalties for not e-prescribing

- Failure to e-prescribe for at least 10 denominator-eligible visits during 1.1.2011 thru 6.30.2011 and report by 7.31.2011 will result in a 1% reduction in the fee schedule for part B covered professional services in CY 2012.*

Reporting Year	Following Year	Incentive	Penalty
2011	2012	1%	-1%
2012	2013	0.5%	-1.5%
2013 and on	2014 and on	0%	-2.0%

Requirements

- Any Eligible Professional (EP) that has prescribing authority
- Controlled substances as defined by the DEA may not be electronically prescribed
- At least 10% of the annual part B charges are in the denominator*
- At least 100 cases annually containing an encounter code in the measure denominator*
- Use a qualified e-prescribing program for part D standards
- Must report prescriptions via a CMS certified method (discussed later)

Hardships

- Practice is located in a rural area without high-speed internet access
- Practice is located in an area without sufficient available pharmacies for e-prescribing
- Adoption of a certified EHR technology prior to Oct 1, prior to requesting an exemption
- Unable to prescribe because of local, state, or federal laws or regulations
- Do not prescribe on a regular basis
- Too few opportunities to report the e-prescribing measure because of limitation's of the measure's denominator

Next Steps

- Reporting the hardship for 1.1.2011 – 6.30.11
- Must be completed by the provider (Office staff may not complete the form on the EP's behalf)
- Must be completed by November 8th, 2011 (tomorrow)
 - Go to www.qualitynet.org/pqrs
 - On the left hand side of the screen in the “Related Links” box select the link labeled “Communication Support Page”
 - Complete the “Communication Support Page”*
 - Once the form is submitted, the provider will receive a return e-mail noting the submission. Please keep this for you records.

What is a qualified eRx program?

What are the reporting options?

Qualified eRx Program

- Must generate a complete active medication list
- Select medications, print prescriptions, electronically transmit prescriptions, and conduct all alerts
- Provide alternative therapeutically alternatives (if any) at a lower cost
- Provide information on formulary or tiered formulary medications, patient eligibility, and authorization requirements

Reporting Options

- Report the CPT code of G8553 for \$0.00 or \$0.01 on the claim (electronic or paper) along with the denominator code on same claim
- Use a qualified registry
- Use a qualified EHR product

Questions

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Helpful Links

<http://cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1107.pdf>

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2011/09/12/gvl10912.htm>

http://www.cms.gov/ERxIncentive/05_Eligible%20Professionals.asp#TopOfPage



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