

ARRA EHR Technology Incentive Program Medicare EP Quick Reference

		Incentives Earned in Calendar Year						TOTAL
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
First MU Period	2011	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$44,000
	2012		\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$44,000
	2013			\$15,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$39,000
	2014				\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
	2015					\$0	\$0	\$0

Meaningful Use (MU) Stage
Stage 1 - Data Capture - Basic Use Functions, Quality Measures Reporting (42 CFR Part 495.6)
Stage 2* - Disease Management Dimensions - CPOE, Test Results Transmission
Stage 3* - Improving Population Health - Patient Access, Comprehensive Patient Data Access
<i>*Stage 2 and Stage 3 Guidelines will be published by end of 2011 and 2013, respectively.</i>

- ✓ Eligible Professionals (EP) are MD, DO, DDS, DPM, OD or DC. Hospital-based EP's (EP's providing >90% patient encounters in Out-Patient, In-Patient or ER settings) derive their incentive through a separate Hospital EHR Incentive Program and are not eligible for Medicare EP EHR incentives.
- ✓ The EHR Incentive Program Incentives commence January 1, 2011. Incentive payments will be made in single annual payments based on the EP's total EHR usage during the calendar reporting year across all practice settings (traced at the NPI level). EP's may assign their annual Incentive Payment to a single employer.
- ✓ For the first year only, the reporting and payment period is any continuous 90-day period within the calendar year (first year reporting period must start before October 1st). Thereafter, the reporting and payment period is the entire year.
- ✓ The Incentive Payment is equal to 75% of the allowed Medicare FFS charges (excluding Medicare HMO Advantage charges) submitted by the Medicare Eligible Professional (EP) during the payment year up to the incentive cap for that year. (e.g., 75% x \$24,000 = \$18,000 for the first MU period).
- ✓ An additional 10% is available to EP's in Health Provider Shortage Areas (HPSA).
- ✓ For 2011 EP's will attest to their achieving "Meaningful Use based on summary data. Thereafter, detailed patient information will be submitted via the EHR to certify "Meaningful Use."
- ✓ Medicare Payments will be reduced starting in 2015 for professionals not demonstrating "Meaningful Use."
- ✓ Under a separate Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment program, up to \$63,750 over 6 years is available to professionals with 30% Medicaid patient encounters. Pediatricians can participate at a 33% lower incentive payment with a 20% Medicaid patient base. EP's include specified advance practice nurses and ancillary providers.
- ✓ If the EP is part of a Medicare Advantage Organization, charges submitted under the Medicare Advantage program will be allocated to the MA organization and not applied to the EP's Incentive Payment cap under the Medicare FFS program.