

MEDICARE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS: At a GLANCE

Program	Program Goals	Who is Eligible?	Registration Required?	Potential Financial Impact	Important Points and References
Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals that demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. May choose to participate through Medicare or Medicaid. 2014 is the last opportunity to switch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine Doctor of Podiatry Doctor of Optometry Chiropractor 	Yes	New Participants: 2014: \$12,000 2015: \$8,000 2016: \$4,000	http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html Fact Sheet: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/MLN_MedicareEHRProgram_TipSheet_EP.pdf
Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Incentive Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a combination of incentive payments and payment adjustments to promote reporting of quality information by eligible professionals. Provided an incentive payment to practices to satisfactorily report data on quality measures. PQRS is the basis for the Value-Based payment Modifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine Doctor of Podiatry Doctor of Optometry Chiropractor Doctor of Optometry Physicians Assistant Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Certified Nurse Midwife Clinical Social Worker Clinical Psychologist Registered Dietician Nutrition Professional Physical Therapist Occupational Therapist Qualified Speech-Language Therapist 	No	Penalty for Non-Compliance: 2015: -1.5% (based on 2013 reporting period) 2016: -2% (based on 2014 reporting period) 2017: -2% (based on 2015 reporting period)	http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html?redirect=/pqrs Fact Sheet: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS_OverviewFactSheet_2013_08_06.pdf
Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Incentive Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bonus payment program for physicians who furnish professional services in geographic area that are designated by the HRSA as primary medical care HPSAs Psychiatrists furnishing services in a mental health HPSAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy Doctor of Podiatry Doctor of Optometry 	No	10% quarterly incentive payment	How the program works: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-For-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/ Fact Sheet: http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/HPSAfactsht.pdf
Health Professional Shortage Area Surgical Incentive Program (HSIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonus is paid in addition to regular HPSA Bonus. General Surgeons who furnish surgical services with a 10- or 90-day global period in HPSA areas. HCPCS modifier AQ may be required for surgical services performed in partial HPSAs. 	Physicians whose designated specialty is General Surgery	No	01/01/2011-12/31/2015: 10% Quarterly incentive payment based on paid services	How the program works: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-For-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/ Fact Sheet: http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/HPSAfactsht.pdf

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Primary Care Incentive Payment (PCIP) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Care practitioners who render primary care services. CPT codes 99201-99215, 99304-99340, and 99341-99350. Eligibility determined on an annual basis. At least 60% of the primary care codes must account for all services paid in a designated calendar year. 	Physicians with one of the following Medicare Specialty designations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Medicine Internal Medicine Geriatric Medicine Pediatric Medicine The following non-physician practitioners also qualify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist Physician Assistant 	No	01/01/2011 – 12/31/2015: 10% Quarterly Incentive payment based on paid services	http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-For-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/ Fact Sheet: http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/HPSAfactsht.pdf