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National News

CMS Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that incentive payments for the 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program are being made to eligible professionals who met the criteria for successful reporting.

The 2009 e-prescribing incentive payments are currently being processed and distributed by Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Distribution of the payments were slated to be completed by the end of October.

2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Feedback Reports

The 2009 e-prescribing feedback reports will be available on the [Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal](#) starting the second week of November. TIN-level reports on the Portal require an Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS) account. Participants may also contact their Carrier or MAC to request individual NPI-level reports via an alternate feedback report fulfillment process, please visit on the [CMS Web site](#).

Surescripts Ranks States for E-Prescribing Use

Surescripts' Safe-RX Awards Program has ranked Massachusetts first in the nation when it comes to the use of electronic prescribing, while New Mexico remains 47th. Nationwide the number of physicians using e-prescribing has grown to 200,000.

The Safe-Rx Awards recognize the top ten states based on a ranking that measures their actual use of e-prescribing. Beginning with this year's awards, Surescripts applied a more comprehensive method for ranking states' use of e-prescribing – one that measures the use of three critical steps: electronically confirming a patient's prescription benefit information prior to sending the e-prescription; electronically cross-referencing a patient's medication history with pharmacies and payers; and electronically routing a prescription to the patient's choice of pharmacy. [Read more](#)

Surescripts Goes Beyond E-Prescribing to Share Clinical Health Information

Surescripts is expanding its nationwide e-prescribing network with a new service that will allow for the exchange of clinical health information. Officials said the new service will make it easier for physicians, pharmacies, PBMs, health systems, electronic health record systems and health information exchanges to send and receive clinical messages, including up to date summaries of a patient's recent visits with their healthcare providers.

The expansion includes providing Surescripts' users with new secure messaging tools through its investment in Beaverton, Ore.-based Kryptiq. Surescripts's new Clinical Interoperability Services when combined with Kryptiq's clinical messaging technology, will allow the company to offer three options to electronic health record vendors, health systems, health information exchanges and the physicians they serve. [Full article](#)

Events and Resources

Providers in Northwestern New Mexico – Plan to Attend the Next NMPIC Regional Meeting in Farmington:

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 – 6 to 8 p.m.
St. Clair Winery & Bistro
5150 East Main St.

Keynote Presentation:

“Electronic Health Record Incentives and Meaningful Use:
Opportunities for New Mexico Physicians:
Bill Mitchell, MD, NM HITREC

Featured Topics:

E-Prescribing, MTM and PIM Project Updates

[Register Now](#)

2010 PQRI and E-Prescribing Incentive Program National Provider Call, Q & A Session November 10

The CMS Provider Communications Group will host a national provider conference call on the 2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) and Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program. This toll-free call will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Mountain), on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. [Register and reserve a phone line](#) by November 9, 11:30 a.m.

New Medication Safety Web Site Launched

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched a new section on their Web site on medication safety: www.cdc.gov/medicationsafety

Geriatrics and Geriatric Drug Therapy Resources Available

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy now offers a list of resources on geriatrics and geriatric drug therapy, including links to journals, journal articles, and other resources. This list is on the group's website and will be periodically updated. [View resources](#)

NMPIC News:

PIM: NMPIC's Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIM) Advisory Board held its monthly meeting on October 12. PIM faculty discussed the second edition of the PIM guidelines organized by disease category, expanding the list of algorithms, and expanding the Beers criteria by adding selected drugs from the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) "black box" warning list.

E-Prescribing Project: NMPIC's Health Information Technology (HIT) Advisory Board is discussing further spread of e-prescribing in the state. For phase three, the HIT Advisory Board evaluated three business scenarios in order to define the most potential impact of e-prescribing on the state.

HRSA PSPC: NMMRA formed three teams to participate in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC) 3.0 and led them to attend Learning Sessions in Dallas, Texas, October 7-8. Teams shared their success stories with participants. HRSA selected the 16 best stories and posted them at the HRSA knowledge gateway, which included one of the New Mexico team's story.

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