

Outline of Various CMS Bonuses and Penalties for Part B Providers (2007-2021)

Category	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
E-prescribing	<u>Incentive Payments</u>														
	1.50%	2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.50%	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
						<u>Non-user Penalties</u>									
						-1.00%	-1.50%	-2.00%							
EMR					<u>Incentive Payments</u>						<u>Totals</u>				
					\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000		\$44,000				
						\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$44,000				
							\$15,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	4000	\$39,000				
								\$12,000	\$8,000	4000	\$24,000				
PQRS MOC	<u>Incentive Payments</u>														
	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	2.00%	1.00%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%							
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									<u>Non-user Penalties</u>						
							PQRS	-1.50%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%

For e-prescribing (P.L. 110-275, MIPPA);

- 1) applies to Part D Medicare patients;
- 2) bonus or penalty is equal to the percentage above applied to all Medicare allowed services in that calendar year; controlled substance prescriptions are prohibited by the DEA to be transmitted electronically;
- 3) qualifying E&M allowables divided by the total Medicare allowables must equal or exceed 10% of the total CY Medicare allowables;
- 4) an exemption for transmitting by facsimile will exist through 12/31/2011.

For EMR (P.L. 111-5, ARRA):

- 1) incentives are for eligible "meaningful users" (E Ps) who have adopted a "certified package", for up to five years;
- 2) "meaningful use" guidelines were published in the 7/28/2010 "Federal Register", Vol. 75, No. 144;
- 3) purchase of a certified system without the application of "meaningful use" will not yield the incentive payments;
- 4) a 10% increase in the incentive payment is available to E Ps furnishing services within a HPSA;
- 6) an E P who is eligible to participate in both the M'cre and M'caid EMR incentive programs must choose only one (but may switch back before 2015);
- 7) the incentive payment shall be up to 75% of Medicare allowable charges for covered professional services furnished by an E P in a payment year;
- 8) to receive the full amount, the EMR must be implemented by 2012; to receive some payment, 2014 is the latest implementation date.

For PQRS/MOC (P.L. 109-432, TRHCA);

- 1) PQRI was initially implemented for the reporting period from 7/1/07-12/31/07; subsequently revised to PQRS;
- 2) practices must successfully report data on various PQRI quality measures, in order to qualify for incentives;
- 3) the bonus percentage is applied to the total CY Medicare allowed charges;
- 4) an additional 0.5% is available for maintenance of board certification (MOC), "more frequently than is required to qualify for or maintain (it)..."

NOTE: E Ps participating in PQRS cannot earn BOTH an e-Rx incentive AND an EMR incentive in the same year that the E P receives a Medicare EMR incentive payment