

Point of Care Alerts: Key Feature of GRIPA Connect™ Web Portal

With the availability of Point of Care Alerts on the GRIPA Connect web portal, clinical decision support is now a reality. This is a milestone in the maturity of our Clinical Integration program. GRIPA is unique in having online Point of Care Alerts automated from data collection through analysis to reporting, in near real-time.

Information about patient-specific treatment needs will now be available at the point of care, or even prior to a patient visit. You will know when a patient is overdue for a test or is beyond a treatment goal for preventive services and disease states addressed by the GRIPA Connect Clinical Care Guidelines.

POINT OF CARE

ALERTS

PATIENT INFORMATION
WHEN IT MATTERS

Point of Care Alerts can be accessed from a new link on the left-hand navigation bar on the portal. We are creating visual cues to let you know that alerts are available. Any physician with a patient relationship established in the GRIPA Connect Web Portal will have access to that patient's Point of Care Alerts.

Point of Care Alerts will be turned on for your practice as your practice management data is loaded into the system. **For more information, visit PointOfCareAlerts.com.** Please call

GRIPA Provider Relations at 585-922-1525 to confirm that we are receiving your practice management data and to set up an appointment for training in your office.

GRIPA Offers CI Physicians a Simple, Free Way to Qualify for PQRI Incentives Offered by Medicare (CMS)

Did you know that Medicare wants to pay you an extra 1.5 percent on your Medicare Part B claims simply for reporting some of what you do?

The GRIPA Connect web portal offers GRIPA Clinical Integration participants a simple, free way to satisfy Medicare's 2008 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) reporting requirements and qualify for incentive payments.

PQRI is a voluntary, no-risk quality reporting program open to physicians in all specialties. Physicians can earn a bonus payment of 1.5 percent of total allowed charges for covered Medicare services in 2008 and two percent in 2009. Typical practices can earn \$1,000 to \$2,000 per physician, depending on patient mix, making PQRI a great way to become acquainted with quality reporting and at the same time increase compensation.

PQRI reporting through the web portal requires no change in billing system workflow and will take only a few hours of staff time.

GRIPA will cover the submission expense for GRIPA Connect participants who submit their information through the web portal. (It would cost \$350 if a provider were to submit on their own directly through our disease registry vendor DocSite.)

Here's How to Qualify for PQRI Incentives:

- 1. Collect Information from 30 Patients.** Using the electronic or paper collection tools provided through the web portal, ask a few specified questions of the next 30 patients over 50 years old (only two need to be Medicare Fee-For-Service). Most physicians can satisfy this requirement in two days.
- 2. Enter Data on the Web through the GRIPA Connect Portal** using the secure link on GRIPAconnect.com. This task can be handled by an office staff member.
- 3. Submit for Bonus Payment.** Physicians will be alerted when they have satisfied the data requirements and will be directed to click the "Submit" button.

Following this process for 30 consecutive patients before the end of 2008 provides a bonus payment of 1.5 percent of total allowed charges for covered Medicare Physician Fee Schedule services provided January 1 through December 31, 2008. The PQRI bonus payment does not include services for enrollees in Medicare Advantage plans such as Preferred Care Gold, WellCare, and Blue Choice Senior. For more information, contact GRIPA Provider Relations at 585-922-1525.



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Clinical integration delivers higher quality patient care by creating a connected community of physicians, hospitals, labs and imaging facilities with electronic access to patient information, support from patient care managers and assistance to fulfill a commitment to evidence-based clinical care.