

Summary Information of Meaningful Use Bonus Incentives

Earn up to \$44,000 or \$63,570 in Meaningful Use Money Over a 5-Year Period Beginning in 2011

Eligible health care professionals can qualify for incentives when they adopt certified EHR technology and use it to achieve specified objectives; either through Medicaid or Medicare.

Early adoption better ensures a physician will receive the maximum incentive!

Medicare Summary - Earn up to \$44,000

The incentive is based on 75% of Medicare Part B, Fee for Service, allowable charges with a maximum incentive of \$18,000 in 2011 or 2012 (depending on when you file for the bonus).

example:

Allowable Charges	Incentive Percentage	Maximum Incentive	Your Bonus Incentive
\$50,000	75%	\$18,000	\$18,000
\$24,000	75%	\$18,000	\$18,000
\$20,000	75%	\$18,000	\$15,000

The maximum allowable incentive is reduced in subsequent years and the criteria become more difficult, so it is important to adopt an EHR and qualify for the incentive early.

Medicaid Summary - Earn up to \$63,570

Providers who have at least 30% (20 % for pediatricians) Medicaid beneficiaries qualify for up to \$21,250 the first year and payment is not based on allowable charges.

What is "Meaningful Use"?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, specifies three components:

1. The use of certified EHR in a meaningful manner
2. The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information
3. The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.

What are the requirements for Eligible Providers for Stage 1 of Meaningful Use (2011 and 2012)?

You must meet 20 of the 25 meaningful use objectives and report on 6 clinical quality measures.

- There are 15 required core objectives.
- The remaining 5 objectives may be chosen from the list of 10 menu set objectives.
- Clinical quality measures: 3 required core measures (substituting alternate core measures where necessary) and 3 additional measures (selected from a set of 38 clinical quality measures).

Call GRIPA Provider Relations for more information at 585-922-1525 to learn more about how GRIPA can assist you in achieving meaningful use.

