HITECH EMR Stimulus Information for Physicians

What is HITECH?

On February 17, 2009, the President of the United States signed into law a \$789 billion economic stimulus package, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or **ARRA**. Included in ARRA legislation is the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, also known as HITECH. HITECH allocates \$19 billion to hospitals and physicians who demonstrate **Meaningful Use** of certified Electronic Medical Records.

As HITECH is part of **ARRA** and not part of Health Care Reform, it is not currently under consideration for repeal by Congress. Funding for HITECH is allocated from ARRA to CMS.

Earn \$44,000 in EHR Stimulus Incentives

As part of a stimulus package passed in 2009, physicians and providers can qualify for \$44,000 in Medicare incentives (\$63,750 for Medicaid providers) if they demonstrate "Meaningful Use" of an electronic health record system.

Medicare EHR Incentive Timeline

Year of Adoption	HITECH	No Adoption			
2011	\$18,000				
2012	\$12,000	\$18,000			
2013	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$15,000		
2014	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	
2015	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	-1%
2016		\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	-2%
2017					-3%
TOTAL	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$39,000	\$24,000	

Medicaid EHR Incentive Timeline

Year of Adoption	HITECH Incentive Payout Over Time							
2011	\$21,250							
2012	\$8,500	\$21,250						
2013	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250					
2014	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250				
2015	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250			
2016		\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250		
2017			\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500		
2018				\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500		
2019					\$8,500	\$8,500		
2020						\$8,500		
TOTAL	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750		

EHR Meaningful Use Criteria

What is Meaningful Use

Meaningful Use refers to a set of 15 criteria that medical providers must meet in order to prove that they are using their EMR as an effective tool in their practice. There are 10 additional criteria that are considered a la carte menu items, from which only five need to be demonstrated by the medical provider. In total, each provider must complete 20 Meaningful Use criteria—listed in detail below—to qualify for stimulus payments during stage one of the EHR incentive program. The criteria are established by the ONC with public input. Practice Fusion participates in the process to determine criteria.

Stages

Meaningful Use will be measured in stages over five years. Each stage represents a level of adoption. Many HHS-certified EMR systems will allow providers to complete all Meaningful Use criteria. Although, some health IT vendors may choose to only be certified for certain criteria. Practice Fusion is certified for all 20 criteria – physicians don't need to work with any additional vendors in order to qualify for EMR incentives.

- Stage One: Essentially, use major functionality of a certified EMR. Document set
 percentages of your visits, diagnoses, prescriptions, immunizations and other relevant
 health information electronically; use clinical support tools (warnings and reminders that
 will be included in certified EMRs); share patient information; and report quality measures
 and public health information.
- Stage Two: In addition to continuing to use all functionality from stage 1, physicians will be required to use an EMR to send and receive information such as lab orders and results. Proposed stage 2 criteria are currently out for public comment.
- **Stage Three:** Continue fulfilling criteria from stages 1 and 2 plus clinical decisions support for national high priority conditions, enrolling patients in a PHR, accessing comprehensive patient data and improving population health. Stage 3 criteria have not yet been defined in detail.

Practice Fusion is not only **completely certified**, but we are also the **No. 1 EHR** for helping doctors stay on track to achieving Meaningful Use. Thanks to our free and unlimited support and our rapid set-up time, our EHR is No. 8 in total Meaningful Use attesters in the country and No. 3 among purely ambulatory EHR's. Best of all, we're completely free, so our users can pocket their full incentive checks.

To make the Meaningful Use process even easier, our Meaningful Use Dashboard helps you quickly determine whether you are meeting the right criteria to attest to Meaningful Use and shows you where you need to catch up.

2012 is the last year you can qualify for your full incentive check, so learn whether you qualify for Meaningful Use incentives in our **Meaningful Use resource center** and get started today!

Mandatory and Menu Meaningful Use Criteria

Core set: All 15 Measures Required

Demographics (50%) e-Prescribing (40%) • • Vitals: BP and BMI (50%) **CPOE** (30% including a med) • Drug-drug and drug-allergy interactions **Problem list:** ICD-9-CM or SNOMED (80%) (functionality enabled) Active medication list (80%) **Exchange critical information** • (perform test) Smoking status (50%) • **Clinical decision support** Patient clinical visit summary • (one rule) (50% in 3 days) Security risk analysis Hospital discharge instructions (50%) - or -**Report clinical quality** Patient with electronic copy (50% in 3 (BP, BMI, Smoke, plus 3 others) days)

Menu set: Select 5 of 10

- **Drug-formulary checks** (one report)
- Structured lab results (40%)
- **Patients by conditions** (one report)
- Send patient-specific education (10%)
- Medication reconciliation (50%)
- Summary care record at transitions (50%)

- Feed immunization registries (perform at least one test)
- Feed syndromic surveillance (perform at least one test)
- Send reminders to patients for preventative and follow-up care (20% > 65yrs. < 5yrs.)
- Patient electronic access to labs, problems, meds and allergies (10% in 4 days)

Practice Fusion's free EHR is ONC-ATCB 2011/2012 compliant and has been certified as a Complete EHR by Drummond Group, an ONC-ATCB approved to certify any complete or modular EHR both ambulatory and inpatient, in accordance with the applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This certification does not represent an endorsement by the Department of Health and Human Services or guarantee the receipt of incentive payments. Practice Fusion version 2.0 was Stage 1 certified on June 2, 2011. The ONC certification ID number is 06022011-9528-6. Clinical Quality Measures tested: NQF0013, NQF0024, NQF0028, NQF0038, NQF0041, NQF0055, NQF0056, NQF0056, NQF0061, NQF0021. Additional software used: Surescripts, RxHub, Email.