

# Healthcare Business Specialists

## EMR Stimulus Payments

### Medicare and Medicaid

#### EMR Stimulus Payments Begin 2010 - 2012

Demonstrating meaningful use of a [Certified EMR](#) is the key requirement for eligible professionals to meet in order to receive Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

#### EMR Stimulus Payments - Medicare

- **Who is eligible?** Physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, and some chiropractors.
- **Meaningful use year:** 1/1/2011. What does this mean to you? Implementation of a small practice should ideally start no later than early 2010 to ensure meaningful use can be demonstrated by 2011 - as it takes time to train, install, and begin to demonstrate and report on 'meaningful use'.
- **Payout Year Starts:** 1/1/2012.
- **Payment Details:** Incentive payments equal 75% of allowed charges. \$15,000 (1st year), \$12,000 (2nd year), \$8000 (3rd year), \$4000 (4th year), \$2000 (5th year), \$0 for subsequent years. Note: early adopters (meaningful users in 2011, 2012) will be eligible for increased first year payment of \$18,000. *Example: Providers who bill \$24,000 or greater annually will receive the maximum benefit (\$18,000 - or 75% of allowable Medicare charges).*
- **Penalties/Deductions.** Beginning in 2015 and accelerating in subsequent years, non-adopters who are not meaningfully using a Certified EHR, fee schedules will be reduced as follows:
  - 2015 - 1% Reduction
  - 2016 - 2% Reduction
  - 2017 - 3% Reduction
  - 2018 - 4% (Secretary of HHS Option if fewer than 75% of eligible professionals are not meaningfully using a certified EHR)
  - 2018 - 5% (Secretary of HHS Option if fewer than 75% of eligible professionals are not meaningfully using a certified EHR)

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## MEDICARE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS STIMULUS

### ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SOFTWARE

	<b>EHR Adoption 2011</b>	<b>EHR Adoption 2012</b>	<b>EHR Adoption 2013</b>	<b>EHR Adoption 2014</b>	<b>EHR Adoption 2015</b>
<b>2011</b> (\$)	\$18,000	0	0	0	0
<b>2012</b> (\$)	\$12,000	\$18,000	0	0	0
<b>2013</b> (\$)	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	0	0
<b>2014</b> (\$)	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	0
<b>2015</b> (\$)	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	0
<b>2016</b> (\$)	0	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>0</b>

### EMR Stimulus Payments - Medicaid

- **Who is eligible?** Physicians, dentists, certified nurse mid-wife, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants practicing in a rural health clinic or Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC). Eligible professionals cannot be hospital based, and patient volume must be comprised of at least 30% Medicaid patients. Pediatricians (again, non-hospital based) are eligible for Medicaid incentives with 20% Medicaid patient volume.
- **Meaningful use year:** 1/1/2010. What does this mean to you? Implementation of an EHR for Medicaid providers should begin immediately to ensure to be eligible for the earliest payments - as it takes time to train, install, and begin to demonstrate and report on 'meaningful use'.
- **Payout Year Starts:** 1/1/2010 - 2012 (decided by state).
- **Payment Details:** Incentive payments equal 85% of net allowable charges, and based upon EHR expenditures. \$15,000 (1st year), \$12,000 (2nd year), \$8000 (3rd year), \$4000 (4th year), \$2000 (5th year), \$0 for subsequent years. Note: early adopters (meaningful users in 2011, 2012) will be eligible for increased first year payment of \$18,000.

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<b>2011</b> (\$)	\$21,250	0	0	0	0
<b>2012</b> (\$)	\$8,500	\$21,250	0	0	0
<b>2013</b> (\$)	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250	0	0
<b>2014</b> (\$)	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250	0
<b>2015</b> (\$)	\$8,500	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250
<b>2016</b> (\$)	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
<b>2017</b> (\$)	0	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
<b>2018</b> (\$)	0	0	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
<b>2019</b> (\$)	0	0	0	\$8,500	\$8,500
<b>2020</b> (\$)	0	0	0	0	\$8,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>

You can find the entire contents of the [HITECH Act](#) on the Committee on Ways and Means website.

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