

Are you ready for MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act)?

6 Major Points You Need to Know...

1. Beginning January 1, 2009, CMS will provide an incentive for “successful e-prescribers.”
2. The sooner you participate in the program, the greater your incentive payments will be.
3. Beginning in 2012, if you are NOT a “successful e-prescriber,” you will be subject to a “different payment” or financial penalty.
4. To be considered a “successful e-prescriber” you need to be using a “qualified e-prescribing system, like edge-Rx.
5. You need to be familiar with the necessary G-codes for reporting.
6. You can prescribe controlled substances and still report on the e-prescribing quality measure by reporting G-code G8446.

Step 1: Bill on one of the following denominator codes:

90801	90808	96150	99204	99215	G0101
90802	90809	96151	99205	99241	G0108
90804	92002	96152	99211	99242	G0109
90805	92004	99201	99212	99243	
90806	92012	99202	99213	99244	
90807	92014	99203	99214	99245	

Step 2: Report one of the three G-codes listed below on more than 50% of applicable cases for the numerator. Each of the codes (even the code for not generating prescriptions) count towards the e-prescribing incentive. One of the G-codes must be reported on the same claim as the denominator billing code.

e-Prescribing Incentive Program Quick Reference: G-Codes	
If You...	Report
√ Used a qualified e-prescribing system for all of the prescriptions	G8443
√ Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but didn't generate any prescriptions during this encounter	G8445
√ Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but prescribed narcotics or other controlled substances	G8446
√ Had a qualified e-prescribing system and state or Federal law required you to phone in or print the prescription	G8446
√ Had a qualified e-prescribing system and the patient asked that you phone in or print the prescription	G8446
√ Had a qualified e-prescribing system and the pharmacy system can't receive electronic transmission	G8446

Common Questions

Can I receive bonus payments on both the PQRI and MIPPA e-prescribing incentive programs?

→ You may participate in both the PQRI and MIPPA incentive at the same time. However, you cannot report on the e-prescribing measure within both incentives concurrently. For 2009, CMS has removed the e-prescribing measure from PQRI so there is no overlap. Instead, the e-prescribing measure will be used only for the MIPPA program.

It's past January 1, 2009. Is it too late to take advantage of the Medicare incentive?

→ Absolutely not! Just be sure to follow the instructions above.