

## **Medicare e-Prescribing Incentive Payment for 2009**

Many practices will be aware of the Medicare 2% incentive payment to providers for e-prescribing in 2009. In order to qualify for the incentives using eCW, clients must be subscribed and using **BOTH** SureScripts and RxHub functionality:

- E-prescribing
- Patient Rx eligibility, formulary review and medication history

For this reason, we urge practices subscribed to these services to **verify that patient Rx eligibility, formulary review and medication history functionality via RxHub has been activated for your practice**. If your practice is already e-prescribing, there is no additional charge for this functionality. Please contact Support to request activation.

If you are not currently subscribed to these services, please request from our Post Implementation department at 508-475-0450.

Once you have confirmed the above information – you will need to remember the following components in your claims:

Claims must include one of the following CPT II codes for each encounter - these are the same codes used to report Measure #125 for PQRI in 2008:

**G8443: Prescriptions Generated via Qualified E-prescribing System**

- All prescriptions created during the encounter were generated using a qualified e-prescribing system

**G8446: E-prescribing system Available, but not Used for One or More Prescriptions Due to Patient/System Reasons**

- Provider does have access to a qualified e-prescribing system. Some or all prescriptions generated during the encounter were printed or phoned in as required by state or federal law or regulations, patient request, or pharmacy system being unable to receive electronic transmission; OR because they were for narcotics or other controlled substances

**G8445: Qualified E-prescribing System Available, but no Prescription(s) were Generated Due to Patient/System Reasons**

- No prescriptions were generated during the encounter. Provider does have access to a qualified e-prescribing system

If you used our PQRI feature in 2008, you may continue to do so by selecting the appropriate code from Measure #125 within the eCW Progress Note. If you did not use our PQRI feature in 2008, please refer to the document available on the eCW Support Portal (*screenshot below*).

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Alternatively, you can select the appropriate code using the “Add CPT” button on the Progress Note billing screen. The G Codes were included in the 2008 CPT update provided to our clients as an APU upgrade in December 2007. If you find these codes are not in your current dataset, you may manually add them and then contact eCW Support to make these codes active.

For background information, we recommend the following resources created by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

[Electronic Prescribing Incentive Fact Sheet](#)

[Medicare’s Practical Guide to the e-Prescribing Incentive Program](#)

[CMS’ e-Prescribing Incentive Program webpage](#)