

Payer-based Incentives for Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and e-Prescribing in RI

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EMR Incentives	<p>1. Fee Schedule increase for PCPs utilizing a CCHIT certified EMR - rolling qualification 2. Limited funding available for PCPs and Specialists to fund costs (up to \$5K per physician) associated with EMR purchase. Funds provided through a grant application process. Refer to provider section of BCBSRI.com or call 800-230-9050 for details.*</p>	<p>Provides support for Health IT initiatives at Community Health Centers in RI.</p>	<p>New HIT incentive program will be launched in 2010.</p>	<p>Solo physicians and practice groups are eligible for "HIT Rewards" program if they: a) concentrate in primary care b) contract with UHC c) use a CCHIT certified EMR by 9/09 and d) use the population management tool to track at least 10 UHC enrollees. Incentive payment is \$2K per physician up to maximum of \$6K per practice group. Enrollment closed. New incentive program to be launched in 2010.</p>	<p>Physicians receiving HIT incentive payments under Medicaid are eligible for up to approximately \$65K over a five year period if they can demonstrate "meaningful use" of EHRs in their practice. Eligible providers include physicians, pediatricians, nurse mid-wives, and nurse practitioners who are not hospital based. Estimated payment schedule: Year 1: up to \$25K per provider Year 2: up to \$10K per provider Year 3: up to \$10K per provider Year 4: up to \$10K per provider Year 5: up to \$10K per provider to total \$65K.</p>	<p>HIT Incentive for "meaningful users" of EHR technology. Timeframe is 2011-2015 or 2012-2016 with payments of \$18K, \$12K, \$8K, \$4K, \$2K (total of up to \$44K per physician). No incentives will be made after 2016.</p>
E-Prescribing Incentives	<p>A fee schedule increase was made in July 2009 for PCPs utilizing a qualified EMR (CCHIT certification and e-prescribing use are examples of qualification criteria) – rolling qualification. Must complete a survey to be eligible. Refer to provider section of BCBSRI.com for survey and additional details regarding qualifying criteria.</p>	<p>Provides support for Health IT initiatives at Community Health Centers in RI.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>12 months of free e-prescribing if you currently utilize their EMR.</p>	<p>Connect Care Choice PCCM Program: higher reimbursement for participating practices that have EMR and e-Rx functionality and documentation of use requirements now or within 18 months</p>	<p>The e-prescribing incentive for reporting years 2009-2010 is 2%; for years 2011-2012 1%; and for 2013 .5%. This is in addition to 2% incentive payment for physicians who successfully report measures under PQRI. Both incentive payments are in addition to the 1.1% fee schedule update required by MIPPA. A physician who successfully reports under both e-prescribing and PQRI initiatives could receive up to a 5.1% pay boost in 2009.**</p>

*PCP includes Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Pediatrics, and Geriatrics

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