

Electronic Prescribing Incentive Fact Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS: In order to report this measure, an E-Prescribing system must have been adopted. This measure is to be reported for each patient visit during the reporting period that meets the denominator coding criteria. Denominator coding criteria for this measure include various ambulatory care settings. There is no specific diagnosis required for this measure. When reporting the measure, include both a denominator code and a numerator G-code on the claim.

DEFINITION	HCPCS CODE	DENOMINATOR CODES	ICD-9 CODE	MODIFIERS
<p>Health Information Technology (HIT) Adoption/Use of E-Prescribing</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Documents whether the provider has adopted a qualified E-Prescribing system and the extent of use in the ambulatory setting. A qualified E-Prescribing system is one that is capable of ALL of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate a complete active medication list incorporating electronic data received from applicable pharmacies and benefit managers (PBMs) if available • Select medications, print prescriptions, electronically transmit prescriptions, and conduct all alerts (defined below) • Provide information related to lower cost, therapeutically appropriate alternatives (if any). (The availability of an E-Prescribing system to receive tiered formulary information, if available, would meet this requirement for 2009) • Provide information on formulary or tiered formulary medications, patient eligibility, and authorization requirements received electronically from the patient's drug plan (if available) <p>The system must employ, for the capabilities listed, the E-Prescribing standards adopted by the Secretary for Part D by virtue of the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act (MMA).</p>	<p>G CODE (INSTEAD OF CATEGORY II CODE)</p> <p>Prescriptions Generated via Qualified E-Prescribing System G8443: All prescriptions created during the encounter were generated using a qualified E-Prescribing system OR Qualified E-Prescribing System Available, but no Prescription(s) were Generated Due to Patient/System Reasons G8445: No prescriptions were generated during the encounter. Provider does have access to a qualified E-Prescribing system OR E-Prescribing System Available, but not Used for One or More Prescriptions Due to Patient/System Reasons G8446: 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</p>	<p>90801, 90802, 90804, 90805, 90806, 90807, 90808, 90809, 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 96150, 96151, 96152, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, G0101, G0108, G0109</p>	<p>No diagnosis codes are associated with this measure</p>	<p>No modifiers are associated with this measure</p>

NOTE: All information is subject to change until December 31, 2008

E-PRESCRIBING FACTS

- The reporting period begins January 1 through December 31, 2009. All claims must be received by CMS prior to February 28, 2010.
 - The new E-Prescribing Incentive Program is similar to, but separate from, the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
 - It is not necessary to have Electronic Health Records to participate, but physicians must use a “qualified system” in order to be considered an adopter of E-Prescribing technology. See requirements under Description in above text.
 - To qualify for an incentive payment the office must report applicable G codes on claims with one of the associated office visit codes in at least 50 percent of applicable cases and the denominator codes for the practice must represent at least 10% of the total allowed charges for all covered services.
- **Physicians must have 10 percent of their revenue from Evaluation and Management and/or Eye codes and physicians must use E-Prescribing in 50 percent of cases in which a drug is prescribed.**
- Any one of the G codes counts as successful reporting towards the 50 percent reporting requirement.
 - G8446 should be reported in connection with written prescriptions with respect to narcotics and controlled substances. Electronic prescribing of these medications is currently prohibited by Federal regulations.
 - There is no need to register for participation. Just begin reporting.

Incentive Amounts

- The E-Prescribing incentive amount is based on an estimate (based on claims submitted no later than 2 months after the end of the reporting period) of the allowed charges for all such Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished by the eligible professional during the reporting period. The E-Prescribing incentive percent amount for reporting years 2009 - 2010 is 2.0 percent; for reporting years 2011 - 2012 is 1.0 percent; and for reporting year 2013 it is 0.5 percent.

Successful Electronic Prescriber Defined

- The eligible professional reported the applicable E-Prescribing quality measure in at least 50 percent of the cases in which such measure is reportable by the eligible professional during the reporting year. Note: Any updates to E-Prescribing quality measures (specifications and/or reporting instructions) will be posted on the AAO Web site at www.aao.org/e-rx.

E-Prescribing Resources

- **For updates visit:** www.aao.org/e-rx
 - **Questions for E-Prescribing can be emailed to** pqri@ao.org
 - **"Get Connected" Web Site**
 - Sponsored by a collaborative of the nation's medical societies and the Center for Improving Medication Management, this site provides free reports and resources designed as a “first step” to help practices determine their readiness to E-Prescribe and the next steps toward implementation.
Web Link: www.GetRxConnected.com/AAO
 - AAO/AAOE in partnership with SureScripts-Rx Hub has provided E-Prescribing resources for AAO members. Go to www.aao.org/e-rx
 - **"CMS" Web Site E-Prescribing**
 - Web Link: www.cms.hhs.gov/eprescribing
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