



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Stimulus Package

- ▶ The government defines an Electronic Health Record (EHR) as an "electronic record of individually identifiable health information on an individual that can be drawn from multiple sources and that is managed, shared, and controlled by or for the individual."
- ▶ Physicians are eligible for incentive payments beginning January 1, 2011, early EHR adopters need a years worth of data and are eligible for the one-time "early adopter" incentive of \$3,000.
- ▶ The electronic prescribing incentives (2%) and quality initiatives (PQRI / 2%) are available now.
- ▶ Physicians can qualify under either the Medicare or Medicaid provision. Physicians must be office based to be eligible, and they can not collect incentive payments from both programs.
- ▶ Medicare incentives of up to \$44,000/physician over 5-years and Medicaid incentives of up to \$63,750/physician over 6-years will be available.

Medicare Provision

- ▶ Physicians who implement a certified solution and become meaningful users between 2010 and 2012 will be eligible for up to \$44,000 each in incentive payments. Physicians who wait to become meaningful users between 2012 and 2014 will be eligible for lower payments. Physicians who have not become meaningful users by 2015 will not qualify for any payments and will be subject to increasing penalties. Incentives are based on the lesser of either 75% of the provider's Medicare Part B billings or the maximum allowable incentive.

	Adopt Yr 1 2011	Adopt Yr 2 2012	Adopt Yr 3 2013	Adopt Yr 4 2014	Adopt Yr 5 2015	Adopt Yr 6 2016	TOTAL
2011	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 44,000
2012		\$ 18,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 44,000
2013			\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 39,000
2014				\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 35,000
2015					-	-	\$ 0

Medicaid Provision

- ▶ Beginning in 2011, office-based physicians who qualify under the Medicaid provision could collect a sum total of \$63,750 calculated as 85% of EHR costs not exceeding \$25,000 in the first year, followed by 85% of annual costs not exceeding \$10,000 over the next 5 years. To be eligible under this provision, office-based physicians must demonstrate "meaningful use" of a certified EHR, and more than 30% of their cases must be attributable to Medicaid, or 20% of their cases attributable to pediatrics. Office-based pediatricians are eligible to receive up to two-thirds of the maximum payment.

Payment Reduction

- ▶ For office-based physicians who do not adopt EHR technology by 2015, Medicare payments will be reduced by:
 - ▶ 1% in 2015
 - ▶ 2% in 2016
 - ▶ 3% in 2017 and beyond
- ▶ In 2018 and beyond, the HHS Secretary may decrease one additional percent per year (maximum of 5%) contingent upon the levels of overall EHR adoption in the market.



Meaningful Use of certified EHR technology

- ▶ Use of electronic prescribing
- ▶ EHR is connected to provide electronic exchange of health information to improve quality and promote care coordination
- ▶ Ability to report on clinical quality measures as specified by the Secretary
- ▶ CCHIT Certification (anticipated)

SuiteMed

- ▶ At SuiteMed we offer a CCHIT certified, integrated PMS/EHR that is affordable both for purchase and ongoing use, can be utilized as an in office (client server) or remotely hosted (SaaS/ASP) program.
- ▶ IMS (Intelligent Medical Software) is delivered fully configured to your practice's unique requirements (limiting the customization that you would need to do) and is supported with comprehensive implementation, training and follow up support services by local Value Added Resellers who have been comprehensively trained and fully certified as to capability and reside in your local community.
- ▶ There is a relatively short window of opportunity for a physician to take advantage of these stimulus payments and we believe that it is critical that you move quickly.

"Meaningful use" is not specifically defined in the bill, but it gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) advisory guidance regarding how to determine this.

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