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2011

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October 1	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	EHR Reporting Period begins for eligible hospitals and CAHs for FY 2012 • 90 days for 1st year of participation • Entire year for 2nd year of participation	Notable Differences between the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Core and Menu Measures for Hospitals with FAQs [PDF, 881KB] ALL Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Hospitals [ZIP, 2.2MB] Medicare and Medicaid Registration User Guide for Hospitals Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration Webinar for Eligible Hospitals Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB] Guide to Clinical Quality Measures [PDF, 191KB] Tip Sheet for Medicare Hospitals Tip Sheet for Critical Access Hospitals Tip Sheet for Medicaid Hospitals
October 3	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day for EPs to begin 90-day reporting period for CY 2011	An Introduction to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals Core and Menu Measures for Hospitals with FAQs [PDF, 881KB] ALL Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Hospitals [ZIP, 2.2MB] Guide to Clinical Quality Measures [PDF, 191KB] Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB]
November 30	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day for eligible hospitals and CAHs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for FY 2011	Medicare and Medicaid Registration User Guide for Hospitals Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB] Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Hospitals and CAH [PDF, 382KB] Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1)

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EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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January 1	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Reporting year begins for EPs for CY 2012 • 90 days for 1st year of participation • Entire year for 2nd year of participation 2nd year participants must begin reporting period for the entire year, unless switching to Medicare from Medicaid following AIU attestation, in which case reporting period is 90 days	Interactive Eligibility Decision Tool Eligibility Flow Chart An Introduction to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals Notable Differences between the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Core and Menu Measures for Eligible Professionals with FAQs [PDF, 800KB] ALL Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Professionals [ZIP, 2MB] Guide to Clinical Quality Measures [PDF, 191KB] Medicare Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals Medicaid Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Tip Sheet for Eligible Professionals Medicare EHR Incentive Program Tip Sheet for Eligible Professionals
January 1	Version 5010	All adopted electronic transactions must be conducted using Version 5010 standards	FAQs: Versions 5010 and D.0 Transition Basics Versions 5010, D.0, and 3.0 Overview Version 5010: Testing Readiness, What You Need to Know Timeline widget
January 1	Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program	The 12-month reporting period for the 2012 incentive and 2014 incentive begins. The 6-month reporting period for the 2013 payment adjustment begins. The payment adjustment of 1.0% in 2012, 1.5% in 2013, and 2.0% in 2014 will result in an eligible professional or group practice receiving 99.0%, 98.5%, and 98.0% respectively of the fee schedule amount for their Medicare Part B PFS covered professional services. The eRx Incentive Program ends in 2014.	2012 eRx Measure Specifications, Release Notes, and Claims-Based Reporting Principles [ZIP 475KB] 2012 eRx CMS-1500 Claims Example [PDF 354KB] 2012 GPRO eRx Measure Specifications, Release Notes and Claims Based Reporting Principles [ZIP 482KB]
January 1	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	First day for 1st Year eligible hospitals and CAHs can attest for FY2012.	Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Professionals [PDF, 417KB] Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB]

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2012 January 1	PQRS	12 month reporting period for 2012 begin	2012 Physician Quality Reporting System Measure List and Implementation Guide [ZIP 2MB] 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System Measure Specification Manual, Release Notes, Single Source Code Master and Quality-Data Code Categories [ZIP 4MB] 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System Measure Groups Specifications and Release Notes, Getting Started with 2012 Measures Groups, 2012 Quality-Data Code Categories and 2012 Groups Single Source Code Master [ZIP 4MB] 2012 EHR Direct Vendor Qualifications Requirement [PDF 101KB] 2012 EHR Data Submission Vendor Qualifications Requirements [PDF121KB] 2012 Registry Submission Qualifications Requirements [PDF106KB] 2012 EHR Documents for Eligible Professionals [ZIP 3MB] 2012 Physician Quality Reporting Decision Tree [PDF 402KB] 2012 EHR Vendor Requirements [PDF 34KB] 2012 EHR Documents for Vendors [ZIP 4MB] 2011 Qualified Registries [PDF 283KB] 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System Registry XML Specifications and System Edit Messages [ZIP 20KB] 2011 Registry Submission Requirements [PDF 45KB] 2011 EHR Qualified Vendors for Physician Quality Reporting and eRx Incentive Program [PDF 101KB] 2011 EHR Documents for Eligible Professionals [ZIP 2MB] 2011 EHR Documents for Vendors [ZIP 2MB] Requirements for EHR Vendors to Participate in the 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System EHR Program [PDF 33KB] 2012 Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) Requirements [PDF 70 KB] 2012 Physician Quality Reporting GPRO 1 Measure Specifications and Release Notes [ZIP 352KB] 2012 Maintenance of Certification Program Requirements [PDF 75KB] 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System Measure Applicability Validation Documents [ZIP 422KB]
February 29	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day for eligible professionals to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for calendar year (CY) 2011	Medicare Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Professionals [PDF, 417KB]
March 31	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	First day 1st year EPs can attest for CY 2012	Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Professionals [PDF, 417KB] Attestation User Guide for Medicare Eligible Professionals [PDF, 6,555KB]
April 1	Version 5010	Version 5010 discretionary enforcement period ends	FAQs: Versions 5010 and D.0 Transition Basics Versions 5010, D.0, and 3.0 Overview Version 5010: Testing Readiness, What You Need to Know

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July 3	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day for eligible hospitals to begin their 90-day reporting period to demonstrate meaningful use	Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Hospitals and CAH [PDF, 382KB] Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB]
September 30	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day of the federal fiscal year Reporting year ends for eligible hospitals and CAHs	Medicare and Medicaid Registration User Guide for Hospitals Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Hospitals and CAH [PDF, 382KB] Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB]
October 1	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Reporting period begins for eligible hospitals and CAHs for FY 2013 • 90 days for 1st year of participation (but Medicare participants will not be eligible receive the full payment amount) • Entire year for subsequent years of participation Eligible hospitals and CAHs may attest for the FY 2012 (entire year reporting period)	Interactive Eligibility Decision Tool Medicare and Medicaid Registration User Guide for Hospitals Core and Menu Measures for Hospitals with FAQs [PDF, 881KB] ALL Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Hospitals [ZIP, 2.2MB] Guide to Clinical Quality Measures [PDF, 191KB] Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals [PDF, 6,555KB]
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December 31	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Reporting year ends for eligible professionals	An Introduction to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals Medicare Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Professionals [PDF, 417KB] Attestation User Guide for Medicare Eligible Professionals [PDF, 6,555KB]

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	February 28	Medicare EHR Incentive Program	Last day EPs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for CY 2012	Medicare Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator (version 1) Attestation Worksheet for Eligible Professionals [PDF, 417KB] Attestation User Guide for Medicare Eligible Professionals [PDF, 6,555KB]
	October 1	ICD-10	ICD-10 code set implementation for full compliance. ICD-10 code sets will be required for services provided October 1, 2013 and after.	Timeline widget ICD-10 overview fact sheet ICD-10 FAQ sheet ICD-10 overview PowerPoint presentation Medicare Fee-for-Service Provider Resources