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Congress Passes Medicare Bill with ePrescribing Incentives

On July 15th, Congress overrode the President's veto of the bill that included:

- The halt to a scheduled 10.6% Medicare physician pay cut
- Financial incentives to physicians for using electronic prescriptions

ePrescribing Incentives and Penalties

Medicare physicians who **use** e-Prescribing technology will be eligible for incentive payments:

- ▲ 2% in fiscal year 2009 and 2010 (**starts January, 2009**)
- ▲ 1% in 2011 and 2012
- ▲ 0.5% in 2013

Physicians participating in Medicare who **do not** ePrescribe:

- ▼ 1% payment cut in 2012
- ▼ 1.5% payment cut in 2013
- ▼ 2% in subsequent years

Provision exempts physicians who infrequently use prescriptions.

What is ePrescribing?

Using software to both generate and transmit the prescription (Rx)

- Electronic receipt of, and response to, Rx refill/renewal requests
- New Rx must stay in a Federally mandated digital form the entire time (NCPDP format) as it travels from the physician office through clearinghouses to the pharmacy
- (Typically, the Rx is entered automatically into the pharmacy software)

ePrescribing

Usually includes the following clinical decision support to improve safety:

- Drug-drug interaction checking
- Drug-allergy interaction checking
 - Access to a current medication list
- Optionally includes:
 - Drug-condition and drug-age checking
 - Access to formularies and patient benefit information
 - Access to patient fill histories
 - Drug dosage checking

Value to Physicians

- Improves quality of care with clinical decision support
- Improve patient compliance with medication recommendations (11% improvement according to a recent study)
- Convenient for the patients
- Reduces "hassle factor" of call backs from pharmacies
- Saves staff time on refill handling

Additional Medicare Incentives

- For Electronic Health Record users:

PQRI (quality reporting) offers an additional 1.5% incentive payment (may be rising to 2%)

McKesson's Solutions for ePrescribing

- RelayHealth eScript
- Standalone electronic prescribing solution
- SureScripts-RxHub certified
- Provides a starting point on the path to a fully functional EHR/EMR
- Practice Partner Patient Records
- ePrescribing is an integrated component of a fully functional electronic health record solution
- SureScripts-RxHub certified

RelayHealth ePrescribing

- **eScript**
 - Full featured electronic prescribing
 - Integrated with all RelayHealth messaging offerings
 - Provides powerful workflow benefits
 - Enhances practice efficiency
- **Renewals Manager**
 - Automates prescription renewal requests from pharmacies
 - Renewals route immediately to the pharmacy
 - Connects to the RxHub-- SureScripts network to securely exchange prescription information online with physician practices.

Contact Sunrise Services for a FREE Webinar Demo of ePrescribing through RelayHealth.

Webinar Demos are also available for Practice Partner EMR as well as for Medisoft Version 14.

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