



EMV Credit Cards

New chip embedded credit cards are hitting the market this fall. The new EMV (Europay, MasterCard, and Visa) cards contain an integrated circuit in addition to the magnetic strip upon which data is contained. These cards are more difficult to counterfeit and more difficult to steal data from as well.

Merchant service providers are contacting merchants to encourage them to purchase or lease new credit card terminals that read these new chip cards. The current terminals will still be able to run transactions by reading the data contained on the magnetic strip. The only downside is that after October 1, 2015, the fraud liability shifts from the credit card companies to the merchant and the credit card processing companies.

CMS Announces 2015-16 Flu Vaccine Payments

The payment rates for the flu vaccine codes for the 2015-16 season have been released.

CPT code	Reimbursement
90630	\$ 23.467
90654	Pending
90655	Pending
90656	\$ 13.880
90657	\$ 6.022
90661	\$ 22.228
90662	\$ 36.315
90672	\$ 26.876
90673	\$ 37.193
90685	\$ 24.596
90686	\$ 18.155
90687	\$ 9.134
90688	\$ 18.269

HCPCS code	Reimbursement
Q2035	\$ 13.025
Q2036	Pending
Q2037	\$ 15.830
Q2038	\$ 12.044
Q2039	Pending

The codes listed above are for the vaccines only. Remember to submit code G0008 for the administration with the appropriate ICD-10 code of Z23 on the claim to ensure proper payment.

If you have questions, please contact your consultant or you can reach Bryan Burke at bburke@hci-ebs.com or 1-800-572-5275.

EHR Incentive Final Rule Released

CMS has recently released the final rule specifying the criteria that eligible professionals must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs. For 2015 the major changes to the program include:

- All providers are required to attest to a single set of objective and measures (Modified Stage 2) which replaces those of previous stages.
- For eligible professionals there are 10 objectives in 2015, one of which is a consolidated public health reporting objective.
- All providers must attest using EHR technology certified to the 2014 edition.
- The patient electronic access measure has been modified from the former 5% threshold to a measure requiring that at least one patient seen during the reporting period views, downloads, or transmits their PHI.
- The secure electronic messaging measure has been modified from the former 5% threshold to merely attesting that the capability for patients to send and receive a secure electronic message was fully enabled during the reporting period.
- Beginning in 2015 the reporting period for all providers is based on a calendar year.
- For 2015 only, the EHR reporting period for all providers is any continuous 90-day period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Eligible professionals may attest for 2015 during the window that begins January 4, 2016 and continues through February 29, 2016.

The ten objectives and corresponding measure sets for modified stage 2 in 2015 are:

- Objective 1: Protect Patient Health Information
Measure: Conduct or review the security risk assessment
- Objective 2: Clinical Decision Support
Measure 1: Implement 5 clinical decision support interventions for 4 or more CQMs
Measure 2: Enable/implement drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks
- Objective 3: CPOE
Measure 1: 60% of medication orders
Measure 2: 30% of lab orders
Measure 3: 30% of radiology orders
- Objective 4: Electronic Prescribing
Measure: > 50% of Rx's using CEHRT
- Objective 5: Health Information Exchange
Measure: summary of care record transmitted for > 10% of transitions using CEHRT
- Objective 6: Patient Specific Education
Measure: patient education for > 10% of patients using CEHRT
- Objective 7: Medication Reconciliation

Measure: medication reconciliation for > 50% of transitions into care of EP

Objective 8: Patient Electronic Access

Measure 1: > 50% of all patients view, download or transmit PHI via CEHRT

Measure 2: (for 2015 and 2016) At least one patient view, download or transmit PHI via CEHRT

Objective 9: Secure Messaging

Measure: (2015 only) CEHRT capability to send/receive a secure message is fully enabled

Objective 10: Public Health Reporting

EPs must be in active engagement to submit data for 2 of the following 3 measures.

- Measure 1: Immunization Registry
- Measure 2: Syndromic Surveillance
- Measure 3: Specialized Registry

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