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EHR, Questions, Questions, Questions?

WOW, the questions just keep on coming. Everyone wants to know more about EHR so I decide I will give you resource information links for EHR/EMR incentive payments. CMS has now issued the first EHR stimulus checks. Of the over 300 recipients, NONE are chiropractors. If you think you should participate, it is time to get started.

Hope these links help.

This is a great source for EHR FAQ's directly from CMS

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/FAQsRemediatedandRevised.pdf>

This link is the Attestation worksheet. Check it out to see what you will have to do to attest that you have achieved "meaningful use" of your certified software.

http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EP_Attestation_Worksheet.pdf

The reader below turned me on to this e-book by John Lynn "Selecting the Right EMR". He answers the questions you need to ask the vendors. You can download it for free. It is good overall information. Sign up for his emails and read many articles he has been publishing online. www.emrandhipaa.com

<http://www.emrandhipaa.com/emr-and-hipaa/2010/03/08/selecting-the-right-emr-e-book-on-sa>

This letter was lengthy - but bottom line.....this is what she was saying!

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JUNE 22, 2011

Hello Edie,

Due to trial and error, I discovered that **IT IS CATEGORICALLY WRONG TO ASSUME OR BE MISLED THAT EHR SOFTWARE IS ONC-ATCB OR DRUMMOND CERTIFIED IT WILL BE EHR MEANINGFUL USE FRIENDLY or in a format that will make it easy to attest "meaningful use".**

After months of searching, we still have NOT selected our software!

Warmest Wishes,

Deb K. Office Manager

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The Medicare EHR Incentive Program

- The Medicare EHR Incentive Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.
 - - Participation can begin as early as 2011.
 - Eligible professionals can receive up to \$44,000 over five years under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. There's an additional incentive for eligible professionals who provide services in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HSPA).
 - **To get the maximum incentive payment, Medicare eligible professionals must begin participation by 2012.**
 - Incentive payments for eligible hospitals and CAHs may begin as early as 2011 and are based on a number of factors, beginning with a \$2 million base payment.
 - Important! For 2015 and later, Medicare eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that do not successfully demonstrate meaningful use will have a payment adjustment in their Medicare reimbursement.

Important Dates

- January 1, 2011 – Reporting year begins for eligible professionals.
- January 3, 2011 – Registration for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program begins.
- January 3, 2011 – For Medicaid providers, states may launch their programs if they so choose.
- April 18, 2011 – Attestation for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program begins.
- May 2011 – EHR Incentive Payments expected to begin.
- October 3, 2011 – Last day for eligible professionals to begin their 90-day reporting period for calendar year 2011 for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.
- November 30, 2011 – Last day for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals to register and attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2011.
- December 31, 2011 – Reporting year ends for eligible professionals.
- February 29, 2012 – Last day for eligible professionals to register and attest to receive an Incentive Payment for calendar year (CY) 2011.

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You cannot get sick enough to help sick people get better. You cannot get poor enough to help poor people thrive. It is only in your thriving that you have anything to offer anyone. If you want to be of an advantage

to others, be as tapped in, tuned in, and turned on as you can possibly be. --Abraham/Hicks

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Go to my website to better understand EHR, the incentive payments and how this voluntary incentive program works.

http://www.iccom.org/index_files/Page2383.html

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Visit my website and buy your compliance needs, Red Flags Rule: Identity Theft Prevention Manual or the HIPAA Privacy and HIPAA Security Policies and Procedures manual, as well as, the HIPAA HITECH updates for 2010.

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http://www.iccom.org/index_files/ICCOMProducts.html

email me with any questions you may have: [\(click here to email me\)](#)

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