Meaningful Use – What You Need to Know About HealthPort ROI

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Acts, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was authorized to spend tens of billions of dollars over the next 10 years to reward eligible professionals (EPs)* and eligible hospitals who use certified electronic health record (EHR) technology in meaningful ways. CMS was also authorized to penalize EPs and hospitals after 2014 if they are not meaningful users by holding back one percent of Medicare reimbursements, increasing by one percent each year to a five percent maximum penalty in 2019 and beyond.

To earn the incentives (and avoid the penalties), EPs and hospitals must prove Meaningful Use (MU) by meeting ALL of the core objectives, and also five out of 10 menu objectives. The lists differ somewhat for EPs and hospitals. Hospitals have 14 core objectives to meet, while EPs have 15.

There is one specific MU core objective for both hospitals and eligible professionals that is directly addressed by HealthPort’s release of information services and technology. Every HealthPort customer who pursues the incentives must achieve this objective to receive funds.

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*Eligible Professionals often practice in independent physician practices, medical groups and clinics.

HealthPort’s Commitment to Meaningful Use Initiatives

As part of our efforts to assist our customers with meeting the Meaningful Use requirement related to responding to requests for an electronic copy of medical records within three business days, our release of information application, eSmartlog®, has received the federal government’s “Meaningful Use” stamp of approval by earning inpatient and ambulatory EHR module certification.

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