

The Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative Announces Opportunity for all Pennsylvania Physicians to Earn CMS Bonus through the PQRI Alternative Reporting Method Program from DocSite

After a successful campaign in 2008, the Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI) is once again teaming up with DocSite to offer a great opportunity for Pennsylvania providers and practitioners to earn a bonus of up to 2% of their total 2009 Allowed Medicare Services! The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has authorized a simple Alternative Reporting Method for the 2009 Physicians Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) program that asks for only a small set of data to be reported for a small subset of patients.

While participation in the PQRI Alternative Reporting Method can be realized through a few qualified registries, PAeHI has reached agreement to offer a unique program using “Advanced PQRI Registry from DocSite”. This specially negotiated program includes a reduced submission fee of only \$199.50, a 43% discount off of the published fee for physicians practicing in PA, a free trial period for any PA physician submitting via DocSite PQRI to use the DocSite Patient Registry for collecting and managing patient electronic health records, and a commitment through the program to support ongoing communication and education on the benefits of HIT.

While CMS does not guarantee the size and amount of the bonus, the target is 2% of physicians’ 2009 allowed Medicare services. For an average annual billing of \$150,000, this amount could be \$3,000. Even with only \$50,000 in billing, the potential ROI is just over 5 times the submission cost. Bonus payments are scheduled to be made in the second half of 2010.

To participate in the DocSite PQRI program:

- Go to Docsite’s PQRI website <http://www.docsite.com/products/pqri/> for more information and to register. **THERE IS NO COST TO REGISTER.** Additional information is also available through <http://www.docsite.com/contact/>. You may also e-mail DocSite at info@docsite.com. If you want to speak immediately to someone, call the DocSite support line directly at 1-919-256-9500, Ext. 11, during regular business hours (M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern).
- Once registered, go to <https://registry.docsite.com/PQRI/> and login in using the user name and password you created during your registration process. Here you can access all information and support material directly from DocSite, including the PQRI Survey forms. This Survey serves as the collection tool and requires some patient information along with responses to a few select care questions for each patient.
- A Survey needs to be completed for each of 30 consecutive patients as defined according to the measure group parameters selected (including at least two patients that are Medicare part B Fee for Service patients.) To make sure that you have sufficient qualifying patients, it is recommended that you survey a few more than 30, or carefully prescreen your appointment schedule to pre-identify the group of qualifying patients.
- After you have completed the Surveys, you or someone on your team, must enter the data online. The online tool is designed to acknowledge when you have met the basic CMS parameters for your selected measure group prior to permitting your submission. After you enter the last qualifying patient, the “Add New” patient link will change to “Submit”.
- When you reach the required number of patients, and press “Submit”, you will be prompted to enter your PAeHI promotion code **PAeHI2009** and credit card data to pay the submission fee of \$199.50. **Your card will only be charged after you complete and submit the full set of patients.**

Important information for those planning to participate:

- PAeHI brings this program to your attention, and has negotiated a discount for physicians who use the unique promotion code **PAeHI2009** and submit through the DocSite PQRI program.
- CMS states that the bonus will be up to 2% of 2009 Medicare billing; it does not offer a guarantee of the bonus amount. See the CMS website for additional information: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/pqri/>.