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## **Pennsylvania Physicians to Get Paid for Delivering Excellent Care**

*Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative Again Teams with DocSite to Support  
Pennsylvania Physicians with Low-Cost Medicare PQRI Quality Reporting Tool*

**HARRISBURG, PA (October 7, 2009) - The Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI) announced availability of a program enabling Pennsylvania physicians to earn up to a two percent bonus from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for 2009 allowed Medicare services through DocSite PQRI<sup>sm</sup>.**

For 2009, CMS has re-authorized the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Group Measures Reporting, a method to qualify for the PQRI bonus with no impact or dependence on the charge capture/billing system. This year participants are eligible for an increased bonus of up to two percent of all allowed Medicare fees. Once again, DocSite<sup>TM</sup>, a CMS Qualified Registry, offers a simple, effective, affordable process to satisfy PQRI. PAeHI negotiated with DocSite, on behalf of all Pennsylvania's eligible care providers and practitioners, to offer its unique DocSite PQRI solution at an attractive rate.

The DocSite PQRI program offers a web-based solution that lets physicians complete the PQRI process in just a few days, with as little as two to three hours of staff time. For this effort, a physician with average annual billing of \$150,000 in allowed Medicare services would be eligible for up to a \$3,000 bonus. Even with only \$50,000 in billing, the potential ROI is substantial. "Any Pennsylvania physician who expects to bill even as little as \$20,000 in 2009 allowed Medicare services would receive a positive return on the small \$199.50 investment required to participate in this simple program," said Martin Ciccocioppo, chair of PAeHI.

In 2008, thousands of physicians experienced the ease and speed with which the DocSite PQRI program can be implemented. On average, the actual data collection process takes only 30 to 90 seconds during each of the 30 patient encounters; the online data entry process takes less than a minute per patient, and the data entry can be performed by designated staff, keeping physician time free for patient care. "This PQRI program is designed to enable physicians and clinicians to participate with only the most basic of typical office technologies; access to the internet and a printer," added Ciccocioppo.

Through this negotiated arrangement, PAeHI is pleased to announce that DocSite will be contributing a portion of its proceeds to PAeHI to support its ongoing educational efforts and to support its mission to promote technologies and programs that drive improved medical care and higher quality health outcomes for all Pennsylvanians. To further support its goals of improving care through access to practical eHealth solutions, PAeHI negotiated the option for physicians that report to CMS through DocSite PQRI the opportunity to access and utilize the award-winning DocSite Patient Registry<sup>SM</sup> solution during a free trial period, which includes basic features to track and manage patients with multiple co-morbidities across multiple chronic diseases. “The DocSite Patient Registry will permit all Pennsylvania physicians to improve the quality and profitability of their practice and will become a “certified EHR technology” platform that will entitle them to significant additional stimulus payments under the recently enacted HITECH provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA),” said John Haughton, MD, MS, Chairman and CMO at DocSite.

“The option to utilize the DocSite Patient Registry will allow PQRI program participants the opportunity to experience some of the benefits of an efficient electronic clinical health record,” said Ciccocioppo. “Our intent is to provide a pathway not only for improved patient and population care, but a pathway that physicians can pursue in support of the many and growing number of pay for quality programs and to position physicians to benefit from the Patient-Centered Medical Home and the \$44,000 ‘meaningful use’ incentives in the HITECH provisions of the federally funded Recovery Act,” added Haughton.

This is the second year PAeHI has teamed with DocSite to offer the PQRI program to Pennsylvania providers. In 2008, a number of PAeHI’s member organizations supported the program including The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania. Because of PAeHI’s efforts to support all Pennsylvania providers, many non-member physicians and organizations were also able to take advantage of the special pricing, and can take advantage of it once again in 2009. The entire process can be accomplished in five steps and be completed in just a few days. Visit [www.docsite.com/products/pqri/](http://www.docsite.com/products/pqri/) for an online demo, to register and get started.

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**About Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative** Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI) was created in 2005 to encourage the development and use of electronic medical records (EMR) in Pennsylvania along with health information exchanges (HIE), which will ultimately tie into a nationwide system allowing patients and healthcare providers to securely access medical records regionally and throughout the country. The initiative is working with providers, health insurers, businesses, and government to inform health care stakeholders and all Pennsylvanians of the benefits of utilizing electronic health records; interconnect all health care stakeholders to make health information available; address legal and policy issues which could impede the development of HIEs; enable secure, confidential access to health information; and enable patient access and control of their health information. Membership and other information is available at [www.paehi.org](http://www.paehi.org).

**About DocSite, LLC** - DocSite ([www.docsite.com](http://www.docsite.com)) provides physicians and clinical decision-makers technology that frees them to be more productive, efficient and able to focus on what truly matters – improving patient care. DocSite offers modular, upgradeable, affordable, Web-based tools tied to evidence-based guidelines that reduce practice variation, enhance communication and support patient self-care initiatives. Thousands of physicians across the nation have already embraced DocSite products as the solution of choice for over 3 million patients. DocSite is endorsed by the Texas Medical Association and has been highlighted as a leader in chronic disease management systems/registries by the Physicians' Foundation for Health Systems Excellence.

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