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Stimulus and Healthcare Technology

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) which provides eligible professionals, acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals participating in Medicare or Medicaid to have the ability to receive funds for adopting the “meaningful use of a certified EHR”. Eligible hospitals may begin receiving incentive payments in fiscal year 2011 thru fiscal year 2015.

The **Transition Factor** is equal to (1) in the First Payment Year, (3/4) in the Second Payment year, (1/2) in the Third Payment Year, (1/4) in the Fourth Payment Year and (0) for any succeeding payment year. Each year the **Transition Factor** will reduce the **Total Incentive** for the year.

| Year of Adoption | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Payment for adopting in FY 2011 or before | 100% | 75% | 50% | 25% | | | |
| If first adopting in FY 2012 | | 100% | 75% | 50% | 25% | | |
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| If first adopting in FY 2014 | | | | 75% | 50% | 25% | |
| If first adopting in FY 2015 | | | | | 50% | 25% | |

If a hospital does not become a meaningful user of a certified EHR technology before or after 2015, the hospital will subject to a reduction in three-quarters of the applicable percentage increase for their normal reimbursement. This reduction is phased in over three (3) years beginning in 2015 with a (33 1/3%) reduction in 2015, a (66 2/3%) reduction in 2016, and a (100%) reduction in 2017 and each subsequent year.

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| Penalties begin if not adopting by FY 2015. The reduction in the hospital’s applicable market basket update would be: | | | | | 33.33% | 66.66% | 100% |

The Secretary may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt a hospital from the requirement to be a meaningful EHR user during the fiscal year if it would result in significant hardship, however this is subject to annual renewal. An example is a hospital in a rural area without sufficient internet access. In no case may a hospital be granted an exemption for more than 5 years.

Who We Are

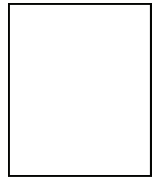
CMR, the Complete Medical Record, is designed for Emergency Departments by Emergency Physicians and Nurses. We offer the most up to date record to meet all regulatory compliance for the Emergency Department. Our record is complete with forms, core measures, Rx writer, reporting, etc. and offers the ability for all disciplines that interact with the Emergency Department to chart concurrently. User-Friendly, CMR helps to create a health care culture that is both connected and comprehensive.

From the Editor

CMR is confident that our solution will meet all meaningful use criteria, as well as all federal standard requirements, for customers to qualify for stimulus money available through ARRA..

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**CMR is committed to achieving 2011
Emergency Department Meaningful Use**



Getting Your Emergency Department Involved In Your Informatics Decision

Currently, meaningful use guidelines are focused on health outcomes such as improving health care quality, preventing medical errors, increasing the efficiency of care, reducing unnecessary health care costs, increasing administrative efficiencies and improving the overall population health.

Health information technology allows for comprehensive management of medical information and secure exchange between healthcare consumers and providers, which is why it is crucial that emergency physicians are represented in their hospitals when decisions about technology selections are being made.

Studies have shown that greater than 50% of hospital admissions are generated from the emergency department, placing them at the heart of the hospital. A system must be well designed and able to provide a good workflow that will truly improve the healthcare of the patient.

For more information about our Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) or to schedule a demonstration, please contact us at 888-267-0060 or visit our website at www.CMRedis.com

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Upcoming Conferences

Come Visit Us!

Southeastern ACEP Conference
Sandestin, FL - June 13-17, 2010

LHA Summer Meeting
Orange Beach, AL - July 26-28, 2010

Mid-South Critical Access Hospital Conference
New Orleans, LA—August 18-20, 2010

ENA Scientific Assembly
San Antonio, TX - Sept 22-25, 2010
Booth # 1319

ACEP Scientific Assembly
Las Vegas, NV - Sept 28-Oct 1, 2010
Booth # 1354

Arkansas Hospital Assoc Conference
Little Rock, AR—Oct 6-8, 2010

LRHA Conference
Lafayette, LA—Oct 18-19, 2010

isEDIS Conference
Miami, FL - Nov 12-15, 2010