

ArcBI TS Newsletter

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ArcSys Hot Tip

Next Egg Hunt comes up June 1-3. There are 10 users in 6 sites that are in the running for the \$100 gift card. They are JEF, JJB, SUSAN, NGILES, ASJ,TJB, LDB, VGG, PL, DEB.

You ask, "What Egg Hunt?" See last February's newsletter for details. Simply, when you see the "SUNSHINE" icon that appears in June, click on it to see some "fun" sayings.

Who knows, you might even get entered into the drawing.



MIPS! MIPS! HOO-RAY!!

Good news for users of Red Planet EMR, you can qualify for taking advantage of the 2017 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). Per the CMS web site (qpp.cms.gov) a 2014 Edition of EMR can help you meet the reporting requirements.

The first performance period opens January 1, 2017 and closes December 31, 2017. During 2017, record quality data and how you used technology to support your practice.

- If you don't send in any 2017 data, then you receive a **negative 4%** payment adjustment.
- If you submit a minimum amount of 2017 data to Medicare (for example, one quality measure or one improvement activity for any point in 2017), you can **avoid** a downward payment adjustment.
- If you submit 90 days of 2017 data to Medicare, you **may** earn a neutral or positive payment adjustment and **may** even earn the max adjustment.
- If you submit a full year of 2017 data to Medicare, you **may** earn a positive (modest) payment adjustment.

There are 3 categories which make up the program: **Quality** (replaces PQRS), **Improvement Activities** (new) and **Advancing Care Information** (replaces MU).

The **Quality** measures which have been certified under Red Planet 2.2 are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

For **Advancing Care Information**:

- Security Risk Analysis
- e-Prescribing
- Provide patient access (this is through the Updox patient portal)
- Health Information exchange (this is through the Updox Direct)
- View, Download, or Transmit (this is through the Updox patient portal)
- Patient specific education
- Secure messaging (via Updox)
- Mediation reconciliation
- Immunization registry reporting

For **Improvement Activities**:

- Depression screening
- Diabetes screening
- Tobacco use

Check out the CMS web site. You have been collecting the EMR data, and so you're not that far way from meeting the above requirements.



Quality Measures

18-64 BMI screening; 65+ BMI screening

Percentage of patients with a documented BMI during the encounter or during the previous 6 months AND when the BMI is within normal parameters. For 18-64, BMI => 18.5 and < 25. For 65+, BMI => 23 and < 30. This is based on the vitals information.

Breast cancer screening

Women => 41 and < 69 and a record of a mammogram within 12 months of exam. Must use the SetProcedure button and choose the mammogram option.

Cervical cancer screening

Women => 23 and < 64 and a record of lab test result within 2 years of exam. Must use the SetProcedure button and choose pap.

Colorectal cancer screening

Patients => 50 and < 75 and a record of colonoscopy within 9 years, fecal occult blood test during measuring period OR flex sig within 4 years. Must use the SetProcedure button and choose fobt or colonoscopy.

Controlling high blood pressure

Patients => 18 and < 85 with a dx of essential hypertension and BP < 140/90. This is based on the vitals.

Diabetes eye exam

Patients => 18 and < 75 with a dx of active diabetes and a procedure of dilated eye exam within measuring period. Nothing is setup, currently.

Diabetes foot exam

Patients => 18 and < 75 with a dx of active diabetes and procedures of visual exam of foot, sensory exam and pulse exam during the measuring period. (must do all 3). Must use the SetProcedure button and choose foot exam / monofilament / pedal pulse.

Falls screening

Patients =>65 and a risk category assessment. Must use the SetProcedure button and choose falls risk

Diabetes Hemoglobin A1c poor control

Patients => 18 and < 75 and A1c > 9.0. This is based on received lab results.

Diabetes LDL management

Patients => 18 and < 75 with a dx of active diabetes and LDL < 100 during the measuring period. This is based on received lab results

Tobacco use

Patients => 18 who are using tobacco and received counseling or medication for cessation. Looks for a medication that is tobacco cessation.

Diabetes urine protein screening

Patient => 18 and < 75 with a dx of active diabetes and with a screening of nephropathy. Kind of complicated. Looks at diagnosis codes and cpt codes to determine numerator.

Dementia cognitive assessment

Patients with a diagnosis of dementia and risk/cognitive category assessment. Must use the SetProcedure button and choose cognitive/

Low back pain

Patients => 18 and < 50 with dx of low back pain and NOT a procedure of xray/MRI/CT of lower spine within one month of visit date. This is based on dx codes and diagnostic testing. It will be close to 100%.