

2011 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program – Adoption/Use of Medication Electronic Prescribing Measure Release Notes

GROUP PRACTICE REPORTING OPTION (GPRO) | USE ONLY: Participation is limited to group practices selected to participate in the 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System ("Physician Quality Reporting," formerly known as Physician Quality Reporting Initiative or PQRI)

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the revised 2011 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program – Adoption/Use of Medication Electronic Prescribing Measure Release Notes. Measure developers, professional organizations, and other eRx stakeholders have provided comment, clarifications, and technical corrections. The list below details changes to this existing measure made since the release of the 2011 eRx Measure Specification.

- **Hardship Code Updates**
 - Added eRx GPRO hardship exemption information
- **Title Updates**
 - Added "refer to the first page of this document" for information on the hardship codes.
- **Description Updates**
 - Added "or a certified EHR system (see definitions) with the intent to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs"
- **Instruction Updates**
 - Added "or certified EHR system"
 - Added "2011" to (January 1 through December 31)
- **Denominator Updates**
 - Added CPT only copyright 2011 American Medical Association
- **Numerator Updates**
 - Added "or certified EHR system"
- **Definitions Updates**
 - Added "**Certified EHR Technology**- Adopt Complete EHR or an EHR Module(s) that have been certified by an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology- Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB)."
 - Moved *Definitions* section to before *Evidence Supporting the Criterion of the Quality Measure* section