



## Provider Inquiry Assistance

### Program Overview: 2010 Electronic Prescribing (E-Prescribing) Incentive Program – JA6394D

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**Contractors Affected**

- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Medicare Carriers

**Provider Types Affected** Physicians and other practitioners who qualify as eligible professionals to participate in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) E-Prescribing Incentive Program in 2010



Job Aid JA6394D provides updated information for providers participating in the E- Prescribing Incentive Program in 2010. It is informational only. The resource information attached at the end of the job aid has also been updated for 2010.

Note: There is another Job Aid (JA6394C) associated with MLN Matters® article MM6394 that addresses the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Program for 2010.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- Section 132 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) authorized the separate incentive program for eligible professionals who are successful electronic prescribers (eRxs) known as the E- Prescribing Incentive Program.
- It is separate from and in addition to the quality reporting incentive program authorized by Division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 - Medicare Improvements and Extension Act of 2006 and known as the PQRI.

- Eligible professionals (EPs) do not need to participate in PQRI to participate in the -Incentive Program.
- For the 2010 year, a successful individual electronic prescriber eligible to receive an incentive payment, must generate and report one or more eRx associated with a patient visit (a minimum of 25 unique visits per year). Each visit must be accompanied by the eRx G-code attesting that during the patient visit at least one prescription was electronically prescribed.
- Electronically generated prescriptions not associated with a denominator eligible patient visit do not count towards the minimum of 25 different eRx events. Additionally, 10 percent of an EP's Medicare Part B charges must be comprised of the codes in the denominator of the measure to be incentive eligible.

**No Sign Up or Pre-Registration**

- There is no sign-up or pre-registration to participate in the E-Prescribing Incentive Program. However, there are certain limitations for participation.
- First, eligible professionals must have and use a qualified electronic prescribing system. Second, ≥ 10 percent of individual EPs Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)-covered services must be made up of encounter (visit) codes that appear in the denominator of the eRx measure.

**Most Frequently Used References**

- Some frequently used references, which are located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/> include the following:
  - 2010 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Made Simple Fact Sheet
  - 2010 eRx Measure Specifications and Release Notes
  - Claims-Based Reporting Principles for the 2010 eRx Incentive Program

**Background**

Section 132 of the MIPPA, which was enacted on July 15, 2008, authorized a new incentive program for eligible professionals who are successful E-Prescribers as defined by MIPPA.

**Operational Impact**

N/A

**Reference Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article for 2009 can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6394.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6394) issued regarding the 2009 E-Prescribing Incentive Program

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may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R459OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may also want to refer to the E-Prescribing Web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive> for additional documents, which may have been posted to the website that are not included in this document.

MLN Matters® article MM6514 (Coding and Reporting Principles for the Electronic Prescribing (E-Prescribing) Incentive Program) can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6514.pdf> on the CMS website.

There are Web links to additional informational resources for years 2009-2010 as well as other general resources on E-Prescribing in Attachments 1 - 3 that follow.

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## Attachment 1

## CMS Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Web Site References

2010 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
2010 PFS Final Rule -- CMS-1413-P [PDF 14MB]]	The entire 2010 PFS Final rule, including instructions for submitting comments	<a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-26502.pdf">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-26502.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/04_State_Regulations.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/04_State_Regulations.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2010 eRx Measure Specifications and Release Notes [ZIP 79 KB]	Zip File that contains 2 files: 1) eRx Measure Specifications which contains 2010 Reporting Options for the Electronic Reporting Measure 2) eRx Measure Specifications, Release Notes which details changes to this existing measure made since the release of the 2009 eRx Measure Specifications	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010_eRx_MeasureSpecificationsandReleaseNotes_121709.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010_eRx_MeasureSpecificationsandReleaseNotes_121709.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<i>Claims-Based Reporting Principles for the 2010 eRx Incentive Program [PDF 66KB]</i>	Guidance about how to report the Electronic Prescribing measure on claims	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/Claims-BasedReportingPrinciplesforeRx122209.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/Claims-BasedReportingPrinciplesforeRx122209.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2010 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Made Simple	Step-by-step guide for participating in the 2010 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	Not available on CMS website as of 12/31/2009.
2010 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Measure Specifications for eRx and Release Notes [ZIP 210KB]	The 2010 EHR measure specifications and release notes for the submission of the 2010 eRx measure.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010EHRMeasureSpecificationforeRxandReleaseNotes.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010EHRMeasureSpecificationforeRxandReleaseNotes.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2010 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Downloadable Resource [ZIP 577KB]	The 2010 EHR downloadable resource for the submission of the 2010 eRx measure.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010_EHR_Warehouse_Downloadable_Resource-111309.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010_EHR_Warehouse_Downloadable_Resource-111309.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads

2010 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
Requirements for Electronic Health Record (EHR) Vendors to Participate in the 2011 PQRI EHR Program [PDF 30 KB]	Contains requirements for a registry to qualify to submit under the registry-based reporting alternatives for the 2010 PQRI and also outlines how a registry can become qualified for 2010 PQRI data submission.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/eRx2011EHRRequirementsFinal12032009_1(2).pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/eRx2011EHRRequirementsFinal12032009_1(2).pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/08_Alternative%20Reporting%20Mechanism.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
Registry Requirement for Submission of 2010 PQRI Data on Behalf of Eligible Professionals [PDF 102 KB]	Registry requirements for submission of 2010 PQRI data on behalf of Eligible Professionals	<a href="https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010RegistryRequirementsFinal_1(2).pdf">https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010RegistryRequirementsFinal_1(2).pdf</a> or <a href="https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage">https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
GPRO Requirements for Submission of 2010 PQRI Data [PDF 27KB]	Group Practice reporting option requirements for submission of 2010 PQRI data	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/GPRO_SelfNominationRequirements_111009.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/GPRO_SelfNominationRequirements_111009.pdf</a> or <a href="https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/22_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage">https://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/22_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/07_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/07_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2010 eRx Measure Specifications for the 2010 eRx GPRO [PDF 42 KB] PDF 42KB]	2010 GPRO options for the eRx Measure	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010GPROeRx%20_Specifications_Document_111009.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Downloads/2010GPROeRx%20_Specifications_Document_111009.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/07_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/07_Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
All eRx FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions	<a href="http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfq/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=dmKNvfuj&amp;p_lva=8253&amp;p_li=&amp;p_accessibility=0&amp;p_redirect=&amp;p_page=1&amp;p_cv=&amp;p_pv=3.1056&amp;p_prods=8%2C61%2C1056&amp;p_cats=&amp;p_hidden_prods=&amp;prod_lv1=8&amp;prod_lv2=61&amp;prod_lv3=1056&amp;p_search_text=&amp;srch_btn_submit=%C2%A0%C2%A0%C2%A0Search%C2%A0%C2%A0%C2%A0&amp;p_new_search=1&amp;p_search_type=answers.search_nl">http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfq/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=dmKNvfuj&amp;p_lva=8253&amp;p_li=&amp;p_accessibility=0&amp;p_redirect=&amp;p_page=1&amp;p_cv=&amp;p_pv=3.1056&amp;p_prods=8%2C61%2C1056&amp;p_cats=&amp;p_hidden_prods=&amp;prod_lv1=8&amp;prod_lv2=61&amp;prod_lv3=1056&amp;p_search_text=&amp;srch_btn_submit=%C2%A0%C2%A0%C2%A0Search%C2%A0%C2%A0%C2%A0&amp;p_new_search=1&amp;p_search_type=answers.search_nl</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/</a>

## Attachment 2

## 2009 Resources

2009 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
<b>Introduction to the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Fact Sheet</b> [PDF 180KB]	Describes 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erxintroe prescribing.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erxintroe prescribing.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09 Educational Resources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Introduction to Electronic Prescribing Incentive Fact Sheet – Spanish Version</b> [PDF 186KB]	Describes 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program – Spanish version	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/introducción_al_incentivo_03-10-09.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/introducción_al_incentivo_03-10-09.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09 Educational Resources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Electronic Prescribing Made Simple Quick Reference Chart</b> [PDF 198 KB]	Step-by-step guide for participating in the 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erx2009madesimple040109.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erx2009madesimple040109.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09 Educational Resources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Made Simple Fact Sheet</b> [PDF 237KB]	Step-by-step guide for participating in the 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erxincentivemadesimpleprogram040109.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/erxincentivemadesimpleprogram040109.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09 Educational Resources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Electronic Prescribing Measure Specifications</b> [PDF 41KB]	Detailed specifications for the 2009 Electronic Prescribing measure	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/ama/license.asp?file=/PQRI/Downloads/2009EPrescribingSpecifications012209.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/ama/license.asp?file=/PQRI/Downloads/2009EPrescribingSpecifications012209.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06 E-Prescribing Measure.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Sample Electronic Prescribing Claim for the 2009 eRx Incentive Program</b> [PDF 49KB]	Sample of CMS-1500 form completed for Electronic Prescribing	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/2009_eRx_1500ClaimExample_040909.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/Download/2009_eRx_1500ClaimExample_040909.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06_E-Prescribing_Measure.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/06 E-Prescribing Measure.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<b>Medicare's Practical Guide to the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program</b> [PDF 507 KB]	Guide for EPs interested in participating the 2009 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program; explains the program and provides resources for more comprehensive guidance	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/11399.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/11399.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09 Educational Resources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Related Links Inside CMS

## Attachment 3

## General Resources

General Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
<b>Part D eRx Standards</b>	Information on standards (links to different CMS website on eRx incentive standards)	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/</a>
<b>Part D Electronic Prescribing Standards</b>	Different section within CMS website for e-prescribing standards and regulations	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eprescribing/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eprescribing/</a>
<b>Spotlight</b>	Section on Electronic Prescribing website which highlights new content	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/02_Spotlight.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/02_Spotlight.asp#TopOfPage</a>
<b>Statute/Regulations</b>	Information on the statutory authority for Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/04_StatuteRegulations.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/04_StatuteRegulations.asp#TopOfPage</a>
<b>Eligible Professionals</b>	Lists EPs who are able and eligible to participate as well as those eligible but unable  Note: EPs do not need to participate in PQRI to participate in the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/05_Eligible%20Professionals.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/05_Eligible%20Professionals.asp#TopOfPage</a>
<b>eRx Report to Congress</b> [PDF 311KB]	Pilot Testing of Initial Electronic Prescribing Standards – Cooperative Agreements Required Under Section 1860D-(4) (e) of the Social Security Act as Amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Action (MMA) of 2003	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/Downloads/E-RxReporttoCongress.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/Downloads/E-RxReporttoCongress.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/04_ResourcesandMaterials.asp">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/04_ResourcesandMaterials.asp</a> > Downloads
<b>National Electronic Prescribing Conference</b>	Materials from Oct. 6-7, 2008 conference available under “Presentations” tab	<a href="http://www.epsilonregistration.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=378&amp;ItemID=1117">http://www.epsilonregistration.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=378&amp;ItemID=1117</a>
<b>Electronic Prescribing Final Rule on Additional Standards</b> [PDF 209KB]	Monday, April 7, 2008 <i>Federal Register</i> article	<a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/08-1094.pdf">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/08-1094.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/02_Adopted%20Standard%20and%20Transactions.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/02_Adopted%20Standard%20and%20Transactions.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Related Links Outside CMS
<b>Electronic Prescribing Final Rule on Foundation Standards</b> [PDF 223KB]	Monday, November 7, 2005 <i>Federal Register</i> article	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/Downloads/E-Prescribingfinalruleonfoundationstandards.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/Downloads/E-Prescribingfinalruleonfoundationstandards.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/02_Adopted%20Standard%20and%20Transactions.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/02_Adopted%20Standard%20and%20Transactions.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Related Links Outside CMS
<b>Evaluation of AHRQ and CMS-Funded Electronic Prescribing Pilot Projects</b>	AHRQ website – HIT, best practices transforming quality, safety, and efficiency	<a href="http://healthit.ahrq.gov/">http://healthit.ahrq.gov/</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/04_ResourcesandMaterials.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing/04_ResourcesandMaterials.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Related Links Outside CMS