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SUBJECT: Primary Care Incentive Payment Eligibility File - 2013

Section 5501(a) of the Affordable Care Act provides for an incentive payment for primary care services furnished on or after January 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2016 by a primary care practitioner. The **Primary Care Incentive Payment (PCIP)** will be paid on at least a quarterly basis in an amount equal to 10 percent of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment amount. More information about the PCIP program can be found in the following articles:

http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7060.pdf

http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7561.pdf

As we mentioned in the December 26, 2012 version of the MA Payment guide for Out-of-Network Payments (https://www.cms.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/oon-payments.pdf), MAOs and PACE organizations are required to make PCIP incentive payments to eligible **non-contracting** providers. Eligible providers include: physicians who have a primary specialty designation of family medicine, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, or pediatric medicine; and nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants for whom primary care services accounted for at least 60 percent for the allowed charges under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for the practitioner in a prior period as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

A list of providers eligible for the Primary Care Incentive Program (PCIP) is now available for calendar year 2013. To access the file, a registered HPMS user can visit the Data Extract Facility from the Home Page of HPMS. There will be a link entitled "Incentive Payments" on the left navigation bar. From this link, the user can find the "PCIP Eligibility File" that lists the National Provider Identification (NPI) number for each eligible provider who qualifies for the PCIP bonus in 2013. Because the file contains 202,455 rows, Excel 2007 or newer versions should be used when extracting the file.