

Do You e-prescribe?

E-prescribing is an efficient way to create and transmit prescriptions electronically.

Beginning in 2009 and until 2013, Medicare will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals who are successful electronic prescribers.

E-prescribing can help YOU improve office productivity and provide high-quality patient care!

E-prescribing Can Help Your Patients **Achieve Better Health**

- Secure, electronic access to each patient's prescription history shows you which prescriptions the patient has filled.* This helps your patients avoid harmful drug interactions.
- Electronic transmission will help eliminate medication errors caused by illegible handwriting.

E-prescribing Can **Save Time and Money**

- Electronic transmission eliminates illegible handwriting and makes prescribing refills quick and easy. This means fewer phone calls and faxes between your office and the pharmacy.
- Access to insurance eligibility and formulary information at the point of care means you can prescribe a drug covered by your patient's drug plan.
- Information about alternative medications allows you to prescribe a generic or formulary alternative.* This means fewer calls to your office from your patient. For your patients, this means lower out-of-pocket costs and fewer trips to the pharmacy.

**By April 2009, all Medicare drug plans must support these features.*

Connecting to Better Health Care

For more information about e-prescribing and how to earn incentives from Medicare for early adoption, visit

www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/
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