



1-2-3 “How to Qualify for Medicare's 2% e-Prescribing Bonus”

1 Obtain an eligible system.

Physicians must have or acquire a qualified electronic prescribing system that can:

- Generate a complete medication list with available data from pharmacies and benefit managers.
- Select medications and transmit prescriptions electronically (not via fax) following applicable federal standards, after warning the prescriber of any possible safety issues associated with the drug orders.
- Provide information on lower-cost, therapeutically appropriate alternatives.
- Provide drug plan information, such as formularies, patient eligibility and authorization requirements.

PrimaryData offers e-Prescription applications integrated within practice management, electronic health records, document imaging and standalone. For links to other solutions for e-Prescribing as well as more information on our healthcare technology solutions for e-Prescribing visit our website at: www.primarydatacorp.com/ePrescribe.htm

2 Report the appropriate measures.

Starting with applicable services rendered on or after Jan. 1, 2009, physicians must report the appropriate combination of CPT codes and special G-codes on Medicare claims. For example, a doctor might bill code 99213 for a mid-level patient checkup and also report code G8443 if the visit resulted in an electronic drug order. G-code G8445 applies for visits during which no prescriptions were ordered; G8446 applies when the drug orders could not be made electronically because of pharmacy limitations, federal or state restrictions, or patient preference.

See www.primarydatacorp.com/eprescribe for a list of the CPT codes where a G-codes for e-Prescribing should be reported on your claims.

3 Qualify for a bonus.

Physicians must submit all claims including e-prescribing codes no later than two months after the end of 2009. To be eligible for the bonus, the services a physician provided that can be linked to an e-Prescribing measure must make up at least 10% of their Medicare charges for the year. In addition, the physician must report the appropriate G-codes for at least 50% of the cases in which they apply. If CMS determines a physician qualified, they will receive a 2% bonus on all 2009 Medicare pay, which will be paid in 2010.

Give us a call at 720-226-9270 if you have any questions on e-Prescribing and we'll get you going!