

## **CMS Agency Report to PharmPAC**

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### **Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program Beginning in 2011**

[https://32.90.191.19/hpms/upload\\_area/NewsArchive\\_MassEmail/000004329/Rev%20%20Final%20Operational%20Guidance%20PDE%20Changes%20Gap%20Disc%202011\\_070810.pdf](https://32.90.191.19/hpms/upload_area/NewsArchive_MassEmail/000004329/Rev%20%20Final%20Operational%20Guidance%20PDE%20Changes%20Gap%20Disc%202011_070810.pdf)

### **Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Program Updates**

CMS is establishing the EHR Incentive program through formal rule making. A proposed rule on the EHR incentive programs (and the definition of meaningful use) was published, and CMS accepted public comments for 60 days, which ended on March 15, 2010. More than 2,000 comments were received. CMS released the final rule on July 13, 2010. This rule provides many of the parameters and requirements for the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. A copy of the final rule and related documents is accessible below.

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>

### **CMS Part D Patient Safety Measures-Updated NDC List**

There are currently four Part D patient safety measures used by CMS. Two of the measures, the HRM measure and the DT measure, are published as part of Part D Plan Ratings each Fall on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (Plan Finder). Two additional patient safety measures, the Drug-Drug Interaction (DDI) measure and the Diabetes Medication Dosing (DMD) measure, are part of the Part D Display measures on the CMS website (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov>). Patient Safety reports are also produced for each of the patient safety measures on a monthly basis and are posted on the Patient Safety Analysis website for each Part D contract to access. The reports allow sponsors to compare their status to overall averages and monitor their progress in improving measures over time.

[https://32.90.191.19/hpms/upload\\_area/NewsArchive\\_MassEmail/000004338/MemoPatientSafetyMeasures\\_07.16.10.pdf](https://32.90.191.19/hpms/upload_area/NewsArchive_MassEmail/000004338/MemoPatientSafetyMeasures_07.16.10.pdf)

## **HHS Secretary Sebelius, U.S. Attorney General Holder Kick-Off First Regional Health Care Fraud Prevention Summit in Miami, Florida**

***Federal, state, and local partners gather for the first in a series of day-long summits to discuss fraud prevention efforts***

MIAMI– U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder today kicked-off the first in a series of Regional Health Care Fraud Prevention Summits in Miami, Florida. The summit brought together a wide-array of federal, state and local partners, beneficiaries, providers, and other interested parties to discuss innovative ways to eliminate fraud within the U.S. health care system.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/07/20100716a.html>