

# ALERT



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## ICD-9-CM 2011 Codes

Effective Oct. 1, 2010 ICD-9-CM 2011 codes are mandatory. 149 new codes were added this year. Please make sure you are running DA Version **27.134** or higher.

## NEWS FROM CMS FOR PART A AND PART B PROVIDERS



2009 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program Update!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that **incentive payments for the 2009 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program are being made to eligible professionals who met the criteria for successful reporting.**

The 2009 eRx incentive payments are currently being processed and distributed by Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Distribution of the 2009 eRx incentive payments are scheduled to be completed by October 22, 2010.

E-prescribing incentives earned by individual participating physicians and other eligible professionals are paid as a lump-sum to the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) under which the EP's claims were submitted. It is then up to the TIN to decide how to distribute the incentive within the practice.







CMS has instructed Medicare contractors to use a new indicator of LE to indicate incentive payments instead of LS. LE will appear on the electronic remittance advice. Additionally the paper remittance advice will read "This is an eRx incentive payment." It will not include the year and indicator LE in the paper remittance. In an effort to further clarify the type of incentive payment issued (either PQRI or eRx incentive), CMS created a 4-digit code to indicate the type of incentive and reporting year. For the 2009 eRx incentive payments, the 4-digit code is RX09. This code will be displayed on the electronic remittance advice along with the LE indicator. For example, eligible professionals will see LE to indicate an incentive payment, along with RX09 to identify that payment as the 2009 eRx incentive payment.

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## **CHECKLIST FOR TRANSITIONING TO EHR AND MEETING ARRA'S MEANINGFUL USE CRITERIA**

We receive questions from customers daily about the ARRA Stimulus Incentives for Medicare payments and which direction to go regarding implementing an Electronic Health Record (EHR). But, many of these customers aren't using any of the **current e-features in their Doctors Access software** that would allow them to improve their revenue and increase their office efficiencies.

Is your office:

-  Calling patients to remind them of an appointment vs. using the automated call reminder feature,
-  Printing patient statements, stuffing envelopes and spending money on postage vs. using the automated statement feature,
-  Making copies vs. using the scanning module to capture patient insurance cards and driver licenses,
-  Satisfied with patients not showing for an appointment vs. using the email appointment reminder module to reduce your no-show no-call occurrences,
-  Not being paid for your work vs. using the insurance eligibility verification module to make sure your patients have insurance coverage before you see them,
-  Happy with faxing all of those refill requests back and forth with multiple pharmacies each day and not having any record of drug histories, allergies and adverse reactions at your fingertips vs. using electronic prescribing?


If your office isn't using at least one of the automated e-features listed above (which are already available in your Doctors Access software) to help you improve your revenue capture and decrease the amount of "busy" work which you do each day – then taking the **giant leap** to EHR is really going to be a difficult task.



What can we do to help you take the first step to begin using any (or all) of these e-features? **Come into Live Support and we will be happy to help you. It is that easy!**

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## Register for Webinars

Doctors Access hosts **FREE** online Webinars each month. Please visit our website [www.doctorsaccess.com](http://www.doctorsaccess.com) and click  to register. Attend as many sessions as you want!

## User's Group Meeting – October 22

The meeting will be held at our office in Nashville as a half-day classroom session from 9:00-noon on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Nashville is a fun place to visit if you want to make a weekend of it!) The main topic will be using electronic prescribing as the pathway to the ARRA's meaningful use criteria to meet eligibility for the increased Medicare incentives. We will be helping each attendee build their "favorites" list (the list of meds which their provider prescribes each day) inside their own electronic prescribing module. You'll be e-prescribing when you return to your office! No more faxing back and forth with the pharmacies!

Space is limited. The meeting is going to be **FREE** and reservations will be made on a first come basis. R.S.V.P. to [info@doctorsaccess.com](mailto:info@doctorsaccess.com) include your DA Account Number, office name and the names of the attendee/s from your office. Hotel information (with special DA rates) will be provided for our out of town customers. You will receive a confirmation email with further meeting information once we receive your reservation email.

Attendees will also receive:

- **FREE** Email Appointment Reminder module activation! (\$150 savings)
- **FREE** Insurance Eligibility Verification module activation! (\$200 savings)
- **FREE** Scanning Module activation! (\$200 savings)



Attendees receive a discounted rate of \$495 for Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Module activation. eRx activation packet will be emailed to you upon receipt of your reservation. Packet will need to be returned to DA no later than Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> to have your eRx account activated prior to the User's Group meeting. You'll want to have your eRx account activated so we can help you build your favorites list at the meeting! Visit our website and watch the short video regarding eRx to see what other offices are saying about eRx! See you in Nashville on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

