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Questions About Meaningful Use?

Are you curious about the CMS (Centers for Medicaid and [Medicare Services](#)) stimulus incentive fund program for users of certified EHRs/EMRs? Basically, the federal government is providing monetary incentives for ePrescribers to use an electronic system. Whether you're well versed in Meaningful Use or just finding out about it, a rich and comprehensive resource for information is HiTech Answers ([click here](#)).

They offer insightful articles about a host of meaningful-use related questions and current issues, and even have a

ePrescribing Penalty

Have You Received an ePrescribing Penalty?

Why would you receive a penalty for ePrescribing? Under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2007 (MIPPA), affected physicians are eligible to receive [bonus](#) payments if they began e-prescribing in their practice. Bonus amounts were 2% in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, the bonus decreased to 1%. By the end of 2011, physicians who had not implemented e-prescribing into their practice received a 1% penalty starting in 2012. The penalty will increase by half a percent in each subsequent year until the physician implements e-prescribing into their practice. [Click here](#) for more info.

The Centers for [Medicaid](#) and Medicare Services (CMS) has confirmed that the QualityNet Help Desk is now prepared to take calls from physicians on the Medicare ePrescribing penalty. CMS has been working diligently with the Help Desk to ensure that a physician's case is adequately reviewed. CMS wants physicians to know that the issues they are having are being examined.



Although there is no formal appeals or review process for the ePrescribing penalty, they encourage physicians with questions or concerns about their penalty and/or hardship exemption request to contact CMS' QualityNet Help Desk as soon as possible. CMS is handling all penalty and/or hardship exemption requests and any questions or concerns on a case-by-case basis.

The QualityNet Help Desk can be reached M-F; 7:00 am - 7:00 pm CMT at 866-288-8912 or via email at qnetsupport@sdps.org.

weekly 30 minute internet talk radio show. HiTech Answers can help you use a certified system like PIMSY to successfully [participate](#) in the program.

You can always access the CMS website directly for answers as well ([click here](#)) or [contact us](#) any time for specific questions.

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"Not only was SMIS able to develop our idea, they made it better. They had ideas and suggestions about how to improve on the program that made it easier to use and more reliable, and they have been incredibly responsive to the changes we have needed to make as data requirements change.

"The support offered to this product has been remarkable, with fast fixes and quick updates. And the best thing - not only is it a tool that helps staff do their job better...it also generates data that I can then use for things like assessing

NOTE: If a physician continues to experience problems with the Help Desk, CMS is encouraging physicians to email their concerns directly to Medicare: [click here](#).

WHY GO PAPERLESS?

What Are the Advantages of Using an EMR?

While some of the leads we speak with are ready to get off of paper



records and excited about using an EMR/EHR system (electronic health/medical records), we are sometimes asked what the advantages are of using a system like PIMSY and moving off of paper notes. Sometimes their staff are reluctant or hesitant to

relinquish the way they've always done things, or something people just don't know what the benefits are. Consider the following:

- Nurses using EMRs have seen reductions in documentation of up to 45%
- A therapist seeing 20 clients per week accumulates an average of 240 new pieces of paper per week.
- After 5 years of using EHR, practices reported an operating margin 10.1% higher than practices in their first year of EHR use.
- With EMRs, exchanging information is faster because office staff can skip the retrieval and faxing process and transfer records electronically. EMRs provide access to complete medical information about a patient.

[Click here](#) for more info about how EMRs like PIMSY can save you time and money or [Contact us](#) for details about getting signed up.

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Myles as Social Media Whiz

Therapy dog adds even more to his plate

staff productivity. This program has allowed our mobile crisis teams to be even more mobile yet maintain the consistency of an office-based program. Thanks PIMSY!"

Molly Richardson,
LCSW, LCAS, CCS,
Director Emergency
Services

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In addition to all of his increased workload doing group sessions at local schools, Myles, therapy dog extraordinaire, also writes a blog, sends out tweets on Twitter and keeps an active Facebook page!

Yes, this is one industrious pooch. Not really a surprise, as Border Collies are known for their hard work and industriousness, but his commitment to both therapy dog work and social media is quite impressive! He does take long, needed naps throughout the day in the PIMSY office.



If you ever have a question for Myles, click here to send him an email; we'll put your question and his answer on a future newsletter to share with others. Meanwhile, stay current on everything he has going on: [Click here](#) to read Myles' latest blog post, [here](#) to follow him on Twitter or [here](#) for his Facebook page.



As always, we appreciate your feedback and your interest in PIMSY! Contact us to see how this incredible software can streamline your workflow and organize your office.

Sincerely,
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