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HELP WITH EHRs

When first implementing a new EMR, finding the time and resources to train staff on the new program can often present a challenge. Recently, **the American Medical Association has released online educational tutorials designed to help physician practices better implement new health IT.**

The three tutorials cover ePrescribing, pre-visit planning and point-of-care documentation and allows physicians to identify opportunities for medication management improvement while enhancing physician and patient convenience. Click here for details.

MEANINGFUL USE

MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 2

Already!?

Yes, it seems like we've barely cleared the hump of Stage 1 of Meaningful Use, but it's already time to start thinking about the Stage 2 requirements. Here are some highlights:

Overview:
One key thing to note is that CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) has subsumed a number of Stage 1 measures such as the problem list, medication list and medication allergy list into other Stage 2 objectives to make room for new requirements.

Proposed Measures:
Information Exchange: In Stage 1, CMS required no more than a test of information exchange capabilities. In Stage 2, providers will move to widespread use through the new transitions of care objective. Additionally, all population and public health objectives now will require ongoing submission, regardless of whether they are part of the core or menu set.

Patient Engagement: both Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) will be required to support infrastructure that allows patients to view, download and transmit their health information. Additionally, CMS will require providers to engage their patients in viewing their health information.

High-Quality, Real-Time Data Capture: The continuous use of these data and the constant viewing of them by patients and clinicians will force providers to better manage the timeliness in which information is captured, its comprehensiveness and its accuracy.

QUESTIONS

What are the rules, financial implications and possible downsides to switching incentive programs and/or skipping years of participation? Click here for answers.

As part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the HITECH Meaningful Use program provides stimulus incentive funds to eligible professionals (EPs) demonstrating meaningful use of a certified EMR/EHR (electronic medical/health records). Click here for details.

EPs cannot receive EHR incentives from both Medicare and Medicaid in the same year-they must choose between the two, even if they are eligible under both programs. Click here to read more.

Contact us to implement PIMSY Platinum 5.0, which is not only ONC-ACTB Meaningful Use Certified but also includes enhanced features,

Dates:
CMS clarified that providers will receive two years in each stage, regardless of which year they enter the program. CMS also has proposed an exception that would allow providers who successfully attested to meaningful use in 2011 to remain in Stage 1 for a third year, through 2013. This change is to accommodate the late release of the final Stage 2 rule relative to the initially proposed 2013 start of the Stage 2 reporting period for these providers.
The final rulings on Stage 2 proposals is due summer 2012.

Click here for more info or here for the notice of proposed changes, and we'll be sending updates as the proposals are finalized.

NEW PIMSY FEATURES

Can I Get an Update?!
When you become a PIMSY client, you receive are free updates of PIMSY, about once a quarter, with free new functionality! There is no work or effort on your part required. We do our best to ensure that the system is down, for a short time, at a time that doesn't inconvenience our clients. We also offer client webinars that

provide information and training about the changes and new features, as part of our phenomenal Support services, at no extra charge.

One of the new features being released in our next update is automatic client reminders, which allows you to send text messages, phone calls and/or emails to your clients, saving you tons of time and money. No more paying someone to make calls or send communications; it's all automated, takes seconds and helps insure your clients will show up for their appointments. Contact us for details about getting signed up for PIMSY and getting free updates right when you need them.

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Psychology Today's Therapy Directory and PIMSY are offering you the chance to start getting new clients. Simply sign up for The Therapy Directory

using the promotional code "PIMSY" when prompted and you'll get 6 months absolutely FREE. That's a value of almost $180!

such as ePrescribing.

Click here to register.

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Dr. Michelle Rinella, Business Owner

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Myles' Workload Increases

Therapy Dog Working Overtime

We've already told you how wonderful Myles, the PIMSY office mascot and therapy dog extraordinaire, is, so it's no surprise that he is suddenly a super hot commodity! In addition to being a local celebrity that is regularly recognized on the streets of our quaint little town, Myles' workload has significantly ramped up as of late.

Myles has started attending weekly sessions at local schools. He is fantastic, drawing out the kids that keep to themselves, calming those that are energetic and basically providing a soothing and balancing energy to everyone he meets. His handler and our Value Added Reseller Manager, Kristin Walker, is very excited to become more involved in the local community and increase Myles' (and her!) workload. Yes, her dog has a job, he's starting to work overtime, and he's really good at it!

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.

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