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# Are You Missing Out on Meaningful Use Funds!?

**If you're going to participate, this is the year!**

If you're planning on participating in the Meaningful Use (MU) programs, you might as well receive the incentive funds for doing so! Every year that you wait, the amount to be collected decreases (or disappears) – [see here](#) for details.

> **An important note for mental & behavioral health care providers, before you read further:** this only affects your practice if you have a prescriber, such as an MD or NP. If you don't have a prescriber, you don't qualify for the programs. Since many behavioral health care organizations don't have prescribers, MU isn't talked about much in our industry. But if you do have prescribers, you should be aware of the incentives and penalties:

> **What are the programs?** As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the federal government has launched the HITECH program, which provides stimulus incentive funds for demonstrating Meaningful Use of a certified EHR (electronic health records). The ultimate purpose is to improve the way healthcare is delivered in the US.

> **There are 2 different options for eligible providers (EPs):** Medicare or Medicaid (if you see clients in both, you must pick 1 incentive program option to participate in).

> **Medicare: For Medicare, 2014 is the final year to participate in the grant before**

**it is phased out.** If an eligible provider starts participation in 2014, they are eligible for:

- o \$12,000 for 2014
- o \$8,000 for 2015
- o \$4,000 for 2016

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### **IS OVER-GIVING HURTING YOUR BOTTOM LINE!?**

Are you giving away your time, energy, vitality, and therefore success!?

"We've all been there. Doing things we don't want to do. Helping someone out when we're barely getting by. Attending events and exchanging forced politeness.

We're conditioned in a culture that promotes "over-giving", being good enough, earning our keep. We grow up learning to behave in such a way that becomes counter-intuitive to our nature; and in business, it can be futile."

Maybe it's not you, but rather your clients who are being negatively impacted by their over-giving habits. Either way, **check out PIMSY guest blogger Eve Haslam's tips to get from struggle to success by learning how to receive: [click here](#) for the full**



### **JOIN PIMSY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST LUPUS!!**

PIMSY Support team members Judy & Kim are walking in the annual Walk to End Lupus Now Charlotte on May 4th. From personal experience, we on the PIMSY team know what a debilitating disease lupus can be, having a profound effect on mental health as well as physical well-being.

While lupus is not typically considered a mental illness, the stress of living with lupus can cause mental and emotional issues. The challenges of living with lupus increase your risk of depression and related mental health problems, such as anxiety, stress and low self-esteem; and one of the keys to living with lupus is to address the mental health component of this disease.

We at PIMSY have committed to raising funds to Help Solve the Cruel Mystery. [Click here](#) to join us.

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