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## **E-prescribing**

Beginning in 2012, eligible professionals (EPs), including physician assistants, who are not successful electronic prescribers may be subject to a payment adjustment or penalty. The payment adjustment in 2012, with regard to all of the EPs' Part B-covered professional services, will result in the EP or group practice receiving 99 percent of the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) amount that would otherwise apply to the services (a 1% penalty). In 2013, EPs will receive 98.5 percent of their covered Part B-eligible charges if they are not a successful electronic prescriber. In 2014, the penalty for not being a successful electronic prescriber is 2 percent, resulting in EPs receiving 98 percent of their covered Part B charges.

For purposes of determining which EPs or group practices are subject to the payment adjustment in 2012, CMS will analyze claims data from January 1 - June 30, 2011, to determine if the EP has submitted at least 10 electronic prescriptions during the first six months of Calendar Year (CY) 2011.

It is not too late. For more information, including system capabilities and e-prescribing reporting rules, Medicare has published several resources: (click on hyperlinks)

- [\*\*"How to Get Started"\*\*](#)
- [\*\*"Medicare's Practical Guide to the Electronic Prescribing \(eRx\) Incentive Program"\*\*](#)
- [\*\*2011 Electronic Prescribing \(eRx\) Incentive Program Update - Future Payment Adjustments\*\*](#)

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