

Incentive payments to eligible professionals:

An eligible professional (physician) will receive incentive payments as specified in the legislation, for the first five years (fiscal year 2011 – fiscal year 2015), for demonstrating a meaningful use of EHR technology and demonstrated performance during the reporting period for each payment year.

If an eligible professional does not demonstrate meaningful use by 2015, his/her reimbursement payments under Medicare will begin to be reduced. No incentive payment will be made after 2016.

Incentive Payments Received Each Year							
Year First Filed	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
2011	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$44,000
2012	\$0	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	44,000
2013	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$39,000
2014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
2015 and later	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2015 and Later: Financial Penalties for non-EMR use include 1% lower Medicare/Medicaid payments per year.							

The amount available per eligible professional is increased by 25% for those who predominantly practice in a rural setting. Payments are not available to hospital-based professionals (such as a pathologist, EM doctor, or anesthesiologist).

Incentive payments to eligible hospitals:

An eligible hospital will receive incentive payments as specified in the legislation, for the first five years (fiscal year 2011 – fiscal year 2015), for demonstrating a meaningful use of EHR technology and demonstrated performance during the reporting period for each payment year. If an eligible hospital does not demonstrate meaningful use by fiscal year 2015, his/her reimbursement payments under Medicare will begin to be reduced.