

2011 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program – Adoption/Use of Medication Electronic Prescribing Measure Release Notes

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2011 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program – Adoption/Use of Medication Electronic Prescribing Measure Release Notes. Measure developers, professional organizations, and other eRx stakeholders have provided comment, clarifications, and technical corrections. The list below details changes to this existing measure made since the release of the 2010 eRx Measure Specification.

- **Description Updates**
 - Removed “The availability of an eRx system to receive tiered formulary information, if available, would meet this requirement for 2010.”
- **Instruction Updates**
 - Added “10% of an eligible professional’s Medicare Part B charges must be comprised of the codes in the denominator of the measure to be incentive eligible.”
- **Formatting Updates**
 - Denominator Statement and coding has been moved to follow Instructions
 - Numerator Statement and coding has been moved to follow Denominator Statement
- **Rationale Updates**
 - Deleted entire rationale
 - Added new rationale
- **Definitions Updates**
 - Added clarification “(Faxes initiated from the eligible professional’s office do not qualify as electronic prescribing).”
 - Added to DME Supplies – Durable Medical Equipment
- **Evidence Supporting the Criterion of the Quality Measure Updates**
 - Added information from Bates et al.
 - Removed information from Roland, M.O. et al.
- **Global edits:**
 - Replaced e-prescribing with electronic prescribing or eRx throughout the document
 - Replaced Physician Quality Reporting Initiative with Physician Quality Reporting System (Physician Reporting)
- **Additional edits:**
 - Added language regarding Hardship G-Codes and payment adjustment to beginning of measure