



2008 Physician Group Incentive Program FACT SHEET

Clinical Information Technology Initiative: Adoption and Use of Electronic Prescribing

Goal - Improve the safety, quality and cost-effectiveness of the prescription process through adoption and increased use of electronic prescribing.

Description – Physician organizations (POs) adopt and implement e-prescribing (if not already in place). For those who already have e-prescribing in place, they should work to increase adoption and consistent use of existing e-prescribing by their participating physicians. They should provide information to BCBSM obtained from vendors on use of e-prescribing such as number of electronic prescriptions, compliance with formulary, and change rates from alerts, i.e., drug-to-drug interactions, drug allergies, etc.

BCBSM will provide a list of e-prescribing systems implemented by PGIP POs and access to BCBSM's free (time-limited) e-prescribing system via our web-DENIS provider portal for those interested.

Incentive Design –

If the PO has not yet implemented an e-prescribing system, payments are based solely on participation. It is expected that POs will select a vendor, install the application and begin implementation in 2008. If the PO has already implemented an e-prescribing system, payments are based on participation and performance improvement.

PO without e-Rx	First payment (April 2008)	Second payment (September 2008)	Third payment (January 2009)
Participation is defined as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report

PO with e-Rx	First payment (April 2008)	Second payment (September 2008)	Third payment (January 2009)
Participation is defined as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed progress report
Performance improvement is evaluated using the following metrics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # and % of physicians using e-prescribing # of prescriptions generated electronically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # and % of physicians using e-prescribing # of prescriptions generated electronically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # and % of physicians using e-prescribing # of prescriptions generated electronically