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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Medicare Advantage Incentive Program News

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia Increasing Payout Levels for End-of-Year Star Rating Calculation Tiers

- There is no structural change to the incentive program. (The measures and weighting remain the same.)
- Additional money (per patient) has been added to each performance level incentive payment from 3.5 Stars to 5.0 Stars.
- Additionally, the $10 gap closure incentives for Static Measures scheduled to end as of Sept. 30, 2014, have been extended through Dec. 31, 2014.
    - Practices will continue to earn the $10 per gap closed for the 13 Static measures through Dec. 31, 2014.
    - Calculation and payment for the 4th Quarter (October 1 – December 31) Static gap closures will be completed in parallel with the End-of-Year Star Rating performance level incentive calculation and payment. (calculation in April 2015; payment in May 2015)
- Both the End-of-Year Star Rating performance level incentives and 4th Quarter gap closure incentive calculations are scheduled for April 2015 to allow a 90-day claims run-out.
- Only work completed in 2014 with Dates of Service for 2014 will apply to incentive earning calculations.

Star Rating	Original
3.49 or less	$ -
3.50	$ 10.00
3.75	$ 20.00
4.00	$ 50.00
4.25	$ 75.00
4.50	$ 90.00
4.75	$ 125.00
5.00	$ 150.00

Star Rating	New Grid as of 10/01/2014
3.49 or less	$ -
3.50	$ 25.00
3.75	$ 70.00
4.00	$ 90.00
4.25	$ 100.00
4.50	$ 115.00
4.75	$ 150.00
5.00	$ 175.00

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