

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

## Medicare Advantage Incentive Program News Highmark 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	New Grid as of 10/01/2014	
3.49 or less		\$ -	3.49 or less	\$ -
3.50		\$ 10.00	3.50	\$ 25.00
3.75		\$ 20.00	3.75	\$ 70.00
4.00		\$ 50.00	4.00	\$ 90.00
4.25		\$ 75.00	4.25	\$ 100.00
4.50		\$ 90.00	4.50	\$ 115.00
4.75		\$ 125.00	4.75	\$ 150.00
5.00		\$ 150.00	5.00	\$ 175.00