

## **Reminder on CMS Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program**

The Medicare Electronic Prescribing Incentive (eRx) Program for eligible professionals includes a combination of incentive payments and negative payment adjustments related to meeting eRX thresholds. The incentive percentages are one percent of total Medicare Part B payments in 2012 and 0.5 percent in 2013. The eRx program ends after 2014.

On the other hand, the program applies a 1.5 percent downward adjustment in 2013 and a two percent reduction in 2014 to prescribers that fail to meet the minimum threshold. The determination as to whether any payment penalty applies in 2013 is based on electronic prescribing data for the first six months of 2012. The deadline for individual eligible professionals to submit data to the National Claims History data base is July 26, 2013 in order to avoid payment penalties in 2014.

For complete details, please refer to the CMS [MLN Matters Article SE1206](#). This article provides guidance on avoiding negative eRx payment adjustments for individual eligible professionals and selected group practices and the provisions for claiming a hardship exemption.

For our members only, LeadingAge NY also offers a recorded audio conference and slide presentation entitled *Avoiding E-prescribing Penalties*, which is available by [clicking here](#), or refer to our own [LeadingAge NY guidance](#) on this topic.

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