This document answers many frequently asked questions regarding the EHR Incentive Program. If you have additional questions, please contact a Medicfusion sales representative at 866-643-7778.

**WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE MEDICARE EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM?**
You may qualify for up to $24,000 or more in EHR stimulus incentives through the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. Below is a sample of funds you may be eligible to receive should you begin using EHR by October 1, 2014:

- 2014       $12,000
- 2015       $8,000
- 2016       $4,000

Total reimbursements over three years is $24,000.

You must begin the Meaningful Use of Certified Technology by October 1, 2014 to be eligible for up to $24,000 in incentives from the Medicare Program. Potential incentives will decline every year and ultimately be followed by penalties for those Medicare providers that do not become Meaningful Users of Certified Technology.

**WHAT IS HITECH CERTIFICATION?**
The HITECH Act, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), is a provision, which authorizes the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to issue annual payments to eligible providers who demonstrate Meaningful Use of a Certified EHR System.

The ONC (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology) is responsible for implementing many elements of HITECH, including designating Meaningful Use criteria and certifying EHR vendors. Medicfusion EHR for Chiropractors is a HITECH Certified system.

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EHR AND EMR?**
Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Electronic Medical Records (EMR) are often used interchangeably. The main difference being that EHR provides a more comprehensive view into a patient’s health and history by pulling information from multiple health systems. Features such as electronic prescribing (eRx) and lab results are often part of an EHR system. In order to be HITECH Certified, the electronic system must be defined as EHR, such as Medicfusion EHR for Chiropractors.
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HOW CAN I USE THE EHR INCENTIVE FUNDING?
CMS will pay HITECH incentives on a per provider basis through either Medicare or Medicaid to offset the cost of EHR adoption. Each eligible physician can now qualify for up to $24,000 in incentives. Physicians adopting a cost-effective system such as Medicfusion EHR for Chiropractors may use any remaining incentive dollars they receive at their discretion.

HOW DOES THE MEDICARE EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM WORK FOR CHIROPRACTORS?
Although EHR Incentive Programs are available through both Medicaid and Medicare, the Medicare EHR Incentive Program is the channel for Chiropractors. Under this program you could be eligible for up to $24,000 in reimbursements over three years. To get the this level of incentive funding, Medicare eligible Chiropractors must begin the process by October 1, 2014.

After 2015, Medicare eligible Chiropractors that do not successfully demonstrate meaningful use of an EHR system will have their Medicare reimbursement payments adjusted.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO RECEIVE MY MEDICARE EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENT?
1. Register for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action
2. Demonstrate meaningful use with a certified EHR system such as Medicfusion EHR for Chiropractors, and
3. Successfully attest, using CMS’ web-based system, that you have met meaningful use criteria using certified EHR technology.

Note: Medicfusion offers a FREE Attestation Guide to help you with the entire process.

HOW WILL I ATTEST FOR THE MEDICARE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS?
Medicare eligible Chiropractors will have to demonstrate meaningful use through CMS’ web-based Registration and Attestation System. Our Medicfusion Attestation coaches will provide you with assistance to help you with this process. Chiropractors will qualify for a Medicare EHR incentive payment upon completing a successful online submission through the Attestation System. Immediately following this completion, you will see a summary of your Attestation and know whether or not you were successful.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
October 1, 2013 - Last day to initiate the EHR Incentive Program process and qualify for the $24,000 reimbursement for your practice.

- 2014 - Last year to initiate participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.
- 2015 - Medicare payment adjustments begin for eligible professionals who are not meaningful users of EHR technology.
- 2016 - Last year to receive a Medicare EHR Incentive payment.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FOR FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENTS?
Below is an example, based upon a single physician practice with $20,000 in Annual Medicare Billings:

Begin Use by 2014
Total To Be Received Over 3 Years = $24,000

- 2014 $12,000
- 2015 $8,000
- 2016 $4,000

Begin Use by 2015
You will no longer be eligible for the EHR Incentive Program and will have a payment adjustment on your Medicare reimbursement.