

meaningful use Success Stories



AllMeds Practices Receiving Federal EHR Incentive Payments

Q3 2011 - Another practice using AllMeds EHR has been approved to receive incentive dollars under the federal EHR program known as HITECH. Advanced Pain Medicine (APM) in Lexington, KY qualified after meeting Meaningful Use (MU) requirements over a 90-day reporting period that ended June 28th. APM will receive a \$36,000 check for the two eligible providers who are participating in the program.

Several AllMeds practices have already qualified for Year 1 Medicaid payments of \$21,250 per eligible provider. And, as APM experienced, many other AllMeds customers are well on their way to Year 1 Medicare payments of \$18,000 per physician. Ultimately, over Medicaid's 10 year program, participants can recognize up to \$63,750 each and Medicare physicians can see up to \$44,000 apiece.

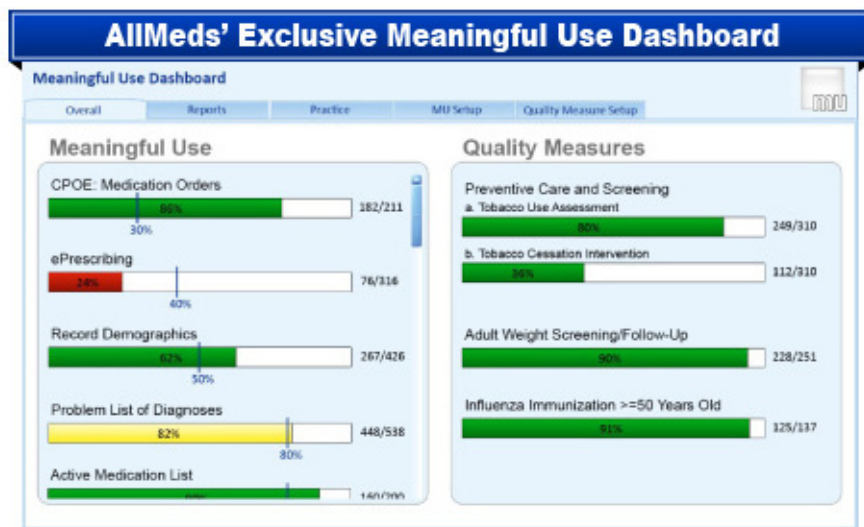
APM's Practice Supervisor, Tonya Brandenburg, recalled an easier-than-expected experience. AllMeds' "MU-enabled" clinical libraries and exclusive ExpressDocs™ functions allowed the group to effortlessly document required actions. And, while some of the new federal requirements took a bit of adjustment, the way AllMeds transparently integrates them into its workflow made the staff feel as if they've been performing the actions for years.

AllMeds ExpressHx™ tool, which uses bubble forms and an optical scanner to instantly add data to the patient record, was a significant help with MU. Forms designed uniquely for MU capture data needed to qualify, such as race, smoking status, etc. These forms better ensure that the practice obtains and documents MU-specific information, which provides greater assurance of meeting incentive standards.

Special mention was made of AllMeds' exclusive MU Dashboard™, a reporting tool that provides on-the-fly updates of physicians' MU status. The intuitive thermometer displays were generally green for the well-oiled practice, meaning physicians were meeting MU standards. However, in rare instances where an objective dipped to a yellow or red status, Ms. Brandenburg easily identified the problematic measure & quickly remedied the issue. In no time, scores returned to a pleasing shade of bright green.

Finally, AllMeds MU reports not only provided data in precisely the manner required by CMS, but they also helped APM *maintain* its MU status during the 90 days. Using standard MU reports, Ms. Brandenburg was able to identify specific encounters that fell below MU requirements and quickly fix the issues, safely keeping the group's score in the green.

"Ultimately," Ms. Brandenburg recalled, "meeting Meaningful Use required a little training, small changes to our workflows and oversight. It's the way AllMeds has integrated Meaningful Use into the EHR that made it so easy to accomplish." And, now, with Year 1 under their belts and checks on the way, APM can set their sights on the 2012 reporting period and the incentive payments that surely will follow.



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