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# Emerging Healthcare Issues:

How Will They Impact Hospital Reimbursement? Part 1

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# EMERGING HEALTHCARE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

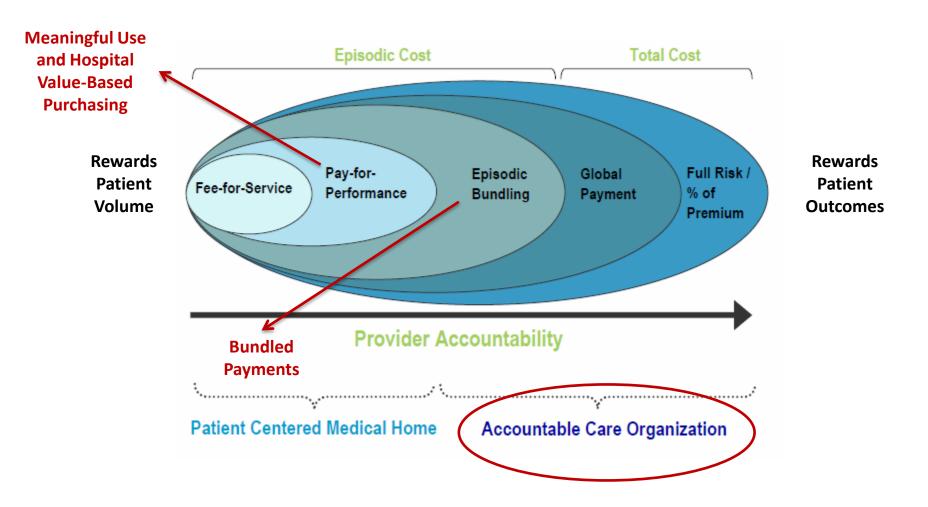
#### HITECH Act of 2009

Meaningful Use and EHR Incentive Programs

#### Affordable Care Act of 2010

Hospital Value-Based Purchasing

#### HOW IS HEALTHCARE CHANGING?



### MEANINGFUL USE



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# MEANINGFUL USE OVERVIEW

- Eligible professionals (EPs), hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) can receive incentive payments if they can attest to the "meaningful use" of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology to improve patient care.
- Two EHR incentive programs:
  - o Medicare
  - Medicaid

### 3 COMPONENTS OF MEANINGFUL USE

- 1. Use of certified EHR in a <u>meaningful manner</u> (e.g., e-prescribing)
- 2. Use of certified EHR technology for <u>electronic</u> <u>exchange</u> of health information to improve quality of health care
- 3. Use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality measures (CQM) and other such measures selected by the Secretary

# HOW DO ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS QUALIFY?

Stage 1

20 of 25 "meaningful use" objectives

- **15** core objectives
- **5** from menu of 10 set objectives

6 clinical quality measures

- **3** core measures
- **3** from menu of 38 set measures



Stage 2

20 of 25 "meaningful use" objectives

- **17** core objectives
- **3** from menu of 5 set objectives

9 of 64 clinical quality measures

 Must select from at least 3 of the 6 key health care policy domains



 $\mathsf{TBD}$ 

Stage 3

# MAXIMUM EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS

Maximum EHR Incentive Payments by Program Based on the First Calendar Year (CY) for Which the Eligible Professional Receives Payment

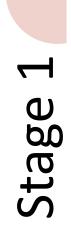
СҮ	CY 2011		CY 2012		CY 2013		CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016	
	Medicare	Medicaid										
2011	\$18,000	\$21,250										
2012	\$12,000	\$8,500	\$18,000	\$21,250								
2013	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$8,500	\$15,000	\$21,250						
2014	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$21,250				
2015	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$8,500		\$21,250		
2016		\$8,500	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$4,000	\$8,500		\$8,500		\$21,250
2017				\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500
2018						\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500
2019								\$8,500		\$8,500		\$8,500
2020										\$8,500		\$8,500
2021												\$8,500
Total (if EP does not switch programs)	\$44,000	\$63,750	\$44,000	\$63,750	\$39,000	\$63,750	\$24,000	\$63,750	\$0	\$63,750	\$0	\$63,750

NOTE: Medicare Eligible Professionals may not receive EHR incentive payments under both Medicare and Medicaid.

NOTE: The amount of the annual EHR incentive payment limit for each payment year will be increased by 10 percent for EPs who predominantly furnish services in an area that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# HOW DO HOSPITALS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS QUALIFY?



19 of 24 "meaningful use" objectives

- 14 core objectives
- 5 from menu of 10 set objectives

15 clinical quality measures



Stage 2

20 of 22 "meaningful use" objectives

- 16 core objectives
- 2 from menu of 4 set objectives
- 16 of 29 clinical quality measures
- Must select from at least 3 of the 6 key health care policy domains



Stage 3

**TBD** 

# HOW ARE THE MEDICARE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS CALCULATED FOR HOSPITALS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS?

1. Initial Amount

2. Medicare Share

3. Transition Factor

- \$2,000,000
- Plus \$200 per discharge starting with the 1,150<sup>th</sup>
- Capped at \$6,370,400

# of IP Part A Bed Days + # of IP Part C Days

Total IP Bed Days X Total Charges - C

**Total Charges – Charges Attributable to Charity Care** 

**Total Charges** 

Fiscal Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2011	1.00				
2012	0.75	1.00			
2013	0.50	0.75	1.00		
2014	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.75	
2015		0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50
2016			0.25	0.25	0.25

### MEANINGFUL USE CRITERIA

**Details** 



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### **KEY**



Measures with a denominator of unique patients regardless of whether patients are maintained using EHR technology



Measures with a denominator of based on counting actions for patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology



Measures requiring only a yes/no attestation

### MEANINGFUL USE CRITERIA

1. Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE)	
2. Electronic Prescriptions *	
3. Drug to Drug Interaction & Drug to Allergy	
4. Record Patient Demographics	
5. Problem Lists	
6. Maintain Active Medication List	
7. Maintain Active Medication Allergy List	
8. Record Vital Signs and Chart Changes	
9. Record Smoking Status	

<sup>\*</sup> Not applicable to Hospitals or CAH

### MEANINGFUL USE CRITERIA

10. Clinical Decision Support Rules	
11. Clinical Quality Measures to CMS or states	
12. Provide Patients with electronic copy of health information	
13a) Provide patients with electronic copy of discharge (hospital only)	
13b) Provide patients with clinical summaries for each office visit (EP)	
14. Capability to exchange Key Clinical Information	
15. Protect Electronic Health Information	

### MENU SET

Select five



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### MEANINGFUL USE MENU SET

1. Drug Formulary Checks	•
2. Lab Results as Structured Data	
3. Patient Lists	
4. Patient Education Resources	
5. Medication Reconciliation	
6. Care Summary Record Exchange Across Providers	
7. Immunization	•
8. Syndromic Surveillance	

### MEANINGFUL USE MENU SET

Hospital Only	
Advance Directives	
Lab Results to Public Health etc.	•
EP Only	
Patient Reminders	
Patient Access to Health Info	

<sup>\*</sup> At least 1 public health objective must be selected

#### **CMS MU AUDITS**

- CMS has engaged Figliozzi and Company to perform audits
- If selected, you will receive a letter from Figliozzi
- Per CMS
  - "It is the provider's responsibility to maintain documentation that fully supports the meaningful use and clinical quality data submitted during attestation." 1
- numerous pre-payment edit checks to detect inaccuracies in eligibility, reporting, and payment

### RISKS OF MEANINGFUL USE

- Numerators and Denominators
- Group reporting of quality measures
- Enrollment information
- Patient access
- First-time order generators
- Security risk analysis
- Lab results
- Demographics increase
- ICD-10 impact
- Tight timetables

# MEANINGFUL USE WHAT TO AUDIT

- Risk assessment of Meaningful Use
- Complex reporting challenges
- EHR Reporting limitations
- Attestation
- Evidence
  - Eligible Provider/hospital
  - o Denominator/Numerator calculations
  - o Dual eligibility

### HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING



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# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING OVERVIEW

- CMS initiative that rewards acute-care hospitals with incentive payments based on quality of care provided to Medicare patients
- Payments will begin January 2013 for care after October 1, 2012
  - o Based on performance period July 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012
- In future years, the performance period will be a full year
- Performance based on data collected through the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING ELIGIBILITY

#### • FFY 2013

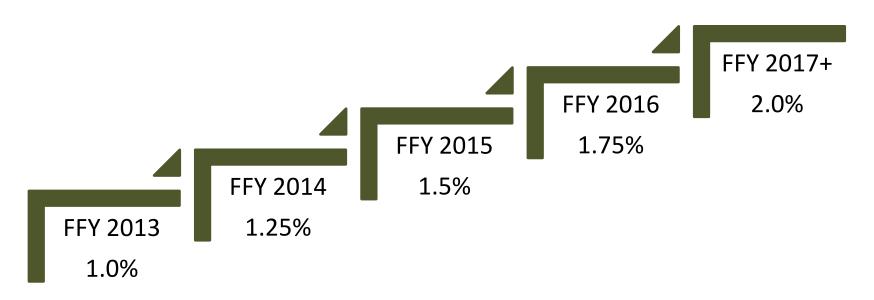
- Must report on at least <u>four</u> measures during the performance period with a minimum of 10 cases per measure for the **Clinical Process of Care** score
- Must report the results of at least 100 HCAHPS surveys during the performance period for the **Patient Experience of Care** score

#### • FFY 2014

o In addition to FFY 2013 eligibility requirements, must report on at least <u>two</u> measures during the performance period with a minimum of 10 cases per measure for the **Outcome Mortality** score

# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING SOURCE OF FUNDING

Participating hospitals will have their base operating DRG payments reduced by the following in order to fund the incentive payments:



# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING SCORING

#### Achievement Score

 Based on where the performance for the measure falls relative to the achievement threshold and benchmark

#### Improvement Score

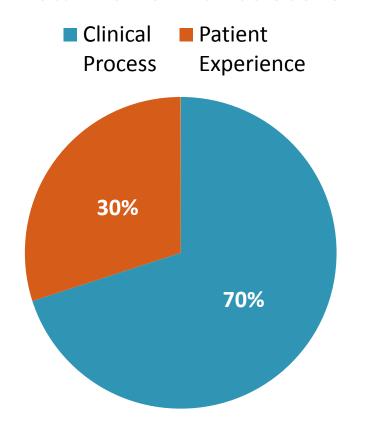
 Based on how much the performance for the measure during the performance period improved compared to the baseline period

#### Consistency Score

 Based on the lowest of the <u>eight</u> HCAHPS dimension scores

# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING FFY 2013 SCORE WEIGHTING

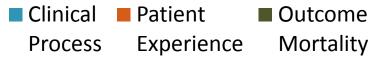
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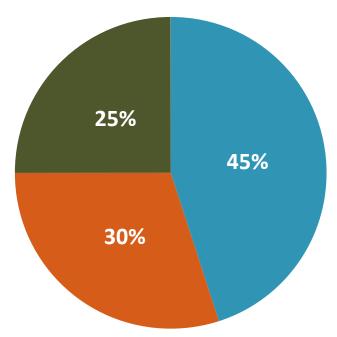


- CMS will assess how much each hospital's performance during the performance period changes from baseline period performance.
- CMS will award achievement points if performance exceeds 50th percentile of all hospitals in baseline period.

### HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING FFY 2014 SCORE WEIGHTING

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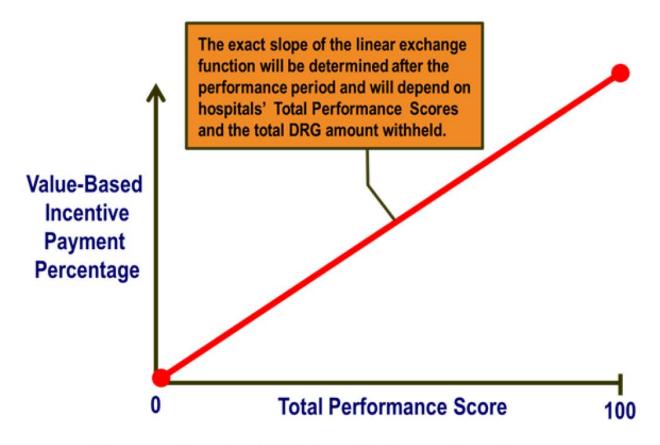


Figure 1. Hospital VBP Linear Exchange Function

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING BONUSES AND PENALTIES DISCLOSED

- In December 2012, CMS disclosed which hospitals will receive bonuses and penalties from the nearly \$1 billion pool
  - 1,557 hospitals will receive bonuses while 1,427 hospitals will receive penalties
  - Biggest bonus Treasure Valley Hospital in Boise, Idaho (0.83% increase)
  - Worst Case Auburn Community Hospital in upstate New York (losing 0.9%)
  - o In California, 44% are getting bonuses and 56% are getting penalties for a negative change of -0.03%

Source: Kaiser Health News, "Medicare Discloses Hospitals' Bonuses, Penalties Based on Quality", December 20, 2012

# HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING RISKS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Validity and reliability of measures
  - o Volume of measures
  - Non-standardization of measures
  - o Implementation of HIT and EHRs can help facilitate the collection of quality data
- Unintended consequences of providers shifting resources to quality measures that offer rewards and neglect quality measures that offer no rewards

# WHAT SHOULD INTERNAL AUDIT FOCUS ON?

- Data that is captured, monitored, and mined
- IT change management
- Contracting
- Clinical protocols
- Physician alignment compensation programs
- Reimbursement model changes

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