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Meaningful Use ~ Still Time



As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Monday October 3rd, 2011 was the last day to start the 90 day reporting period for Meaningful Use for the reporting year 2011. Although that has passed there is still time to implement your EMR and apply for the incentive at the beginning of the year for 2012 and receive the same amount of incentive monies as you would have in 2011.

What 90 day reporting period are you attesting on?

During your first year of Meaningful Use attestation you, as an eligible provider, decide on what 90 day reporting period you would like to attest on. The requirement states that during the 90 day reporting period you must be using an ONC certified EMR solution. Cal-Med is an ONC certified EMR solution since September 2011 and has all the functions and requirements needed for attestation.

The deadline for eligible professionals to register and attest for 2011 is February 29th, 2012. We recommend that if you are going to attest that you make sure you are enrolled and up-to-date in PECOS. If you are not, this process can take a month or longer to make sure the information is accurate.

In attesting for Meaningful Use there are two incentives programs to choose from; Medicaid or Medicare. Under Medicare you will need to attest on 15 core measures and 5 menu set measures, making sure that one of those measures is a public health measure.

Contact us today to receive a free Meaningful Use checklist and find out about our Meaningful Use consulting services at info@cal-med.com.

EMR Spotlight: Dr. Gloria Jaucian

We are pleased and proud to have Dr. Gloria Jaucian as a client for over twenty years. Dr. Jaucian is a caring physician that has been utilizing the Practice Expert EMR technology for the past four years and the practice management since 1990. She has also been helping Cal-Med in building our OB/GYN template library for the EMR and providing valuable insight on an OB/GYN's workflow. All the patients that were referred to Dr. Jaucian by our other clients are extremely pleased by the care they received from her office. Dr. Jaucian is an OB/GYN and is located at 27800 Medical Center Rd., Ste. 214 Mission Viejo, CA 92691.



California Joins the Medicaid Stimulus Program

Last month CMS announced that six more states, including California have joined the Medicaid EMR incentive program. This opens up the Medi-Cal program to eligible professionals and hospitals in California to receive the stimulus of up to \$63,750 over a six year period for implementing an EMR solution.

- Eligible providers can apply starting December 15th, 2011 to February 29th, 2012 for the payment year 2011. For information on the Medi-Cal program, please visit their website at <http://medi-cal.ehr.ca.gov/>

For more information on the Medicaid or Medicare EMR stimulus programs contact info@cal-med.com or refer to the CMS website.

Updating for 5010

Cal-Med is ready for 5010, have you updated yet? We have completed and passed all requirements for 5010. It's now time for you to update to the latest version of Cal-Med if you have not done so already.

For clients that are running on SQL 2005 you will need to contact us to schedule an update. For clients that are running on SQL 2008 and are under support you just need to go to the Cal-Med website, login and download the latest version.

To schedule an update or to get support with a download please either email us at support@cal-med.com or call us at 949-719-6767.

As a reminder as of November 7th, 2011 Office Ally is not yet ready to accept for 5010 but they are working to meet the January 1st, 2012 deadline.

Cal-Med & ZirMed in Talks

Cal-Med is in talks with ZirMed clearing house to become partners to provide clients with another option for healthcare revenue cycle management. ZirMed offers a number of healthcare solutions, such as Healthcare Reimbursement Services, Patient Payment Solutions and Business Solutions.

ZirMed was founded in 1999 with the "vision to revolutionize the business of healthcare and cure administrative costs by applying innovative, creative and flexible technology solutions."

- ZirMed serves over 100,000 providers.
- ZirMed saves or generates \$10,000 to \$30,000 per provider per year.
- ZirMed processes over 5 million transactions and statements every month.

With ZirMed their motto is 'Don't survive...Thrive!'

Contacting ZirMed in November will help ensure that you are implemented and set up with all your necessary payers and prepared for January 1, 2012. Contact either Brain Roby at 502-657-5518 or Drake Alldaffer at 502-657-5543.