

Progress Report

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VIP Health Initiative Launches on March 1st

Launch date of the *VIP Health Initiative* is March 1st. Training has started for participating physicians and their staffs.

The new secure website offers e-prescribing and outpatient lab reports, secure messaging, administrative efficiencies, and other features utilizing single sign-on. Additional applications will be added on an on-going basis.

To "test drive" the ePrescribe program and *VIP Health Initiative*, please log on at www.VIPmedX.com. Click on the links on the left hand side to take a virtual tour and see how this technology can help you improve your practice.

E-Prescribe Medicare 2% Bonus

Medicare will pay a 2% bonus to physicians who utilize an approved e-prescribe system beginning in 2009. Check our website, www.physician-partners.com, for more information about the Medicare e-prescribe bonus. Physicians who utilize VIP's ePrescribe system should qualify for the 2009 bonus.

VIP and Partners in Print

The first edition of "*San Diego MD Magazine*" featured an article on e-prescribing and can be read at <http://sdmdmagazine.com/>.

"*Healthcare IT News*" reported on the *VIP Health Initiative*: "VIP enables improved collaboration, better care".

Beech Street Credentialing Request

Some of our members have received credentialing packets directly from Beech Street. Do not fill out individual credentialing documents if your participation is through Partners. We have contacted Beech Street about this problem.

Best Practices Programs

Physician Partners takes pride in presenting informative programs for our members. A schedule of upcoming meetings will be sent shortly.

New Contract Rates – Multiplan and PHCS

We are pleased to announce new Multiplan and PHCS rates effective 2/01/09. Please note that these two plans have merged, so participation in one means participation in both. An updated roster was sent to the plan administrator.

Physician Partners stock available

If you missed the opportunity to buy stock in 2007, a limited number of shares are now available. Contact Ted Steuer at (619) 260-7245.

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