

# Progress Report

July 15, 2009

## **Federal Incentive Programs**

There are now 3 federal incentive programs available for physicians.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Est. Incentive</i>	<i>Status of Partners' Program</i>
Medicare 2% eRx	est. \$3000 - \$5000/ yr.	Available
PQRI: 2 % bonus	est. \$3000 - \$5000/ yr	Pilot Project in Sept.
HiTech Stimulus Act	\$44,000 over 5 years	Program in Development

Partners is working on these programs. The programs should provide qualifying physicians with incentive revenue estimated at up to \$75,000.

## **ePrescribe Training Webinars**

Training on how to use e-prescribe through *VIP Health Connect* is available every Tuesday and Wednesday through the end of July from 12:30 – 1:30 PM. Please call for more information and to RSVP.

## **G-Code Billing Procedure Webinar**

Physician Partners and Chris Burns of PDS will co-present a webinar on G-code billing and claims submission. Please RSVP to 619-260-7245 to attend.  
*Thursday, July 23, 2009 – 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.*

## **eReferral Connect Pilot Program**

*VIP Health Connect* begins a 4-week pilot study of our newly designed eReferral Connect program. By securely sharing patient information, the referral process is anticipated to provide better information, decreased administrative costs, and improved patient satisfaction. Results of the study will be available on our website.

## **Directory of Connected Physicians**

The *Directory of VIP Connected Physicians* will be available in September.

## **Red Flag Payment Rules for Physician Offices**

The FTC has issued new requirements for physician offices who maintain patient payment accounts, to protect against identity theft. Specific procedures must be in place by August 1, 2009, in order to meet these requirements. For more information, check the FTC website: A link to the website can also be found at [www.physician-partners.com](http://www.physician-partners.com).

## **Aetna Study**

Reimbursement problems were identified for the Scripps Employee Health Plan and these have been corrected. The reimbursement information is available by contacting Physician Partners. Natalie Nelson is spear-heading Partners' follow-up on other outstanding Aetna claims processing issues. Please contact her so that your concerns can be elevated to the appropriate Aetna representatives.

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