

## How to Report the E-prescribing Incentive Program Measure

To obtain the incentive in 2009, you have to **report** on the e-prescribing quality measure for 50% of applicable cases. The e-prescribing measure has two basic elements: (1) a reporting denominator consisting of a specified set of service codes that defines the circumstances when the measure is reportable; and (2) a reporting numerator consisting of a set of specific “G” -codes, one of which must be reported for successful reporting.

When you have an applicable case (defined by engaging in one of the service codes listed in Step 1 below for a Medicare Part B Fee-For-Service beneficiary), you report on the e-prescribing measure with **two steps**:

**Step 1.** Bill on one of the following service denominator codes:

90801	90808	96150	<b>99204</b>	<b>99215</b>	<b>G0101</b>
90802	90809	96151	<b>99205</b>	<b>99241</b>	<b>G0108</b>
90804	92002	96152	<b>99211</b>	<b>99242</b>	<b>G0109</b>
90805	92004	<b>99201</b>	<b>99212</b>	<b>99243</b>	
90806	92012	<b>99202</b>	<b>99213</b>	<b>99244</b>	
90807	92014	<b>99203</b>	<b>99214</b>	<b>99245</b>	

\*Codes in **bold** typically billed by internists

**Step 2.** Report one of the **three** G-codes listed below on more than **50%** of applicable cases for the numerator. All three codes (even the code for not generating prescriptions) count toward the e-prescribing incentive. One of the G codes must be reported on the same claim as the denominator billing code.

<b>E-prescribing Incentive Program Quick Reference: G -Codes</b>	
<b>If You...</b>	<b>Report</b>
Used a qualified e-prescribing system for all of the prescriptions	<b>G8443</b>
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but didn't generate any prescriptions during this encounter	<b>G8445</b>
Had a qualified e-prescribing system, but could not electronically submit one or more of the generated prescriptions because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The prescription was for narcotics or other controlled substances.</li> <li>• State or Federal law required you to phone in or print the prescriptions.</li> <li>• The patient asked that you phone in or print the prescriptions.</li> <li>• The pharmacy system was unable to receive an electronic transmission.</li> </ul>	<b>G8446</b>

**\*\*\* Work Flow Suggestion**—Add the three e-prescribing measure numerator G-Codes to your superbill.

## **Medicare E-prescribing Bonus Payment – Coding Scenario Examples**

### **Example for G8443; All Medications Prescribed Electronically**

Mr. Johnson sees Dr. Smith regularly for treatment of his hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Dr. Smith e-prescribes the renewal of Mr. Johnson's medication. Dr. Smith bills CPT code 99214 for the established patient office visit and reports the HCPCS code G8443 to indicate that all prescriptions generated during the visit were electronically prescribed. Dr. Smith lists ICD-9 code 401.1 to indicate Mr. Johnson's benign hypertension as the primary reason for the encounter.

### **Example for G8445, No Medications Prescribed**

Mrs. Jones, who is new to Medicare, comes to see Dr. Smith because of her acute, mild respiratory symptoms. Dr. Smith determines that Mrs. Jones has a cold and recommends an over the counter medication. Dr. Smith bills CPT code 99202 for the new patient office visit and reports the HCPCS code G8445 to indicate that there were no prescriptions associated with the visit. Dr. Smith lists ICD-9 code 460, acute nasopharyngitis, as the reason for the encounter.

### **Example for G8446, One or More of Medications Not Prescribed Electronically**

Mrs. Green, who regularly visits Dr. Smith for multiple chronic conditions, sees Dr. Smith for extreme pain associated with her severe arthritis that is compounded by her osteoporosis. Dr. Smith prescribes a controlled substance, which cannot be prescribed electronically, for her pain in addition to renewing other prescriptions. Dr. Smith bills CPT code 99215 for the established patient office visit and reports the HCPCS code G8446 to indicate that one or more of medications were not e-prescribed. Dr. Smith lists ICD-9 code 715.09 to indicate Mrs. Green's generalized osteoarthritis in multiple sites is the primary reason for the encounter.