

MEMO

TO: ALL HCI CLIENTS

FROM: HCI Consulting Department

DATE: January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Incentive Payment Program for Primary Care Services

The Affordable Care Act provides for an incentive payment to primary care physicians for services provided in 2011 and continuing through 2015. Medicare enrolled physicians with a primary specialty designation of family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or geriatrics as well as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and physician assistants, who provide primary care services (as defined by CPT codes 99201-99215 and 99304-99350) that account for at least 60% of allowed charges under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule during the prior two years are eligible for a 10% incentive to be paid quarterly. The incentive is based on the payment amount for the primary care services listed above which include outpatient office visits, nursing home and rest home services as well as services delivered in a patient's home. For 2011 the current HPSA incentive program requirements remain intact along with the new HPSA surgical incentive payment which begins this year.

If you would like more information, please contact your consultant at 1-800-572-5275.