

2008 Illinois Health Connect Bonus Payment for High Performance Program Summary

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and Automated Health Systems (AHS) are pleased to announce the results of the first year of the Illinois Health Connect (IHC) Bonus Payment for High Performance Program. The bonus program rewards IHC Primary Care Providers (PCP) for providing primary and preventive services in accordance with quality measurements, encourages the adoption of quality improvement initiatives and increases access to care for IHC patients.

The 2008 bonus program payment determinations were based on services provided in calendar year 2008 for all patients enrolled on the IHC PCP's panel on December 1, 2008, who received one or more of the following services: Immunization Combo 3, Developmental Screenings, Asthma Management, Diabetes Management or Breast Cancer Screening.

The HEDIS 50th percentile was used as the benchmark for these measurements, except for the Developmental Screenings benchmark, which was established by HFS. The bonus payment utilized adjudicated claims through May 7, 2009.

A total of 4,126 IHC PCPs, at 4,433 sites, qualified for a 2008 bonus payment for meeting or exceeding one or more of the qualifying measurements. Nearly 90% of all eligible PCPs received a bonus payment under the 2008 Bonus Program.

The bonus payments for 2008 were \$25 per qualifying patient, per qualifying event. In total there were 115,845 events that qualified for a bonus payment resulting in HFS issuing \$2,896,125 in bonus payments to qualifying PCPs/sites. The bonus payments ranged from \$25.00 up to \$28,200.00 for a single PCP site.

All bonus payments were mailed to the qualifying PCP's payee, by PCP site, the week of July 6, 2009. PCPs can access the patient specific detail of their bonus payments via the Illinois Health Connect Provider Portal through HFS's secure MEDI system. Providers can also access the 2008 Bonus Payment for High Performance Program Quality Indicators and Benchmarks via the Illinois Health Connect website, at www.illinoishealthconnect.com, under Quality Tools. The 2009 Illinois Health Connect Bonus Payment for High Performance Program benchmarks are also available on this website.

For more information on the Illinois Health Connect Bonus Payment for High Performance Program, please call the Illinois Health Connect Provider Services Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999.