

IHC 2013 Bonus Payment for High Performance

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proud to announce its Illinois Health Connect (IHC) Bonus Payment program for 2013. Under this program, IHC Primary Care Providers (PCPs) are eligible to receive annual bonus payments for each qualifying service under a bonus measurement. The bonus measurements are:

- **Immunization Combo 3:** Children who receive designated immunizations by age 24 months (benchmark 71.93%).
- **Developmental Screening:** Children who receive at least one objective screening by the age of 12 months (benchmark 85%), between the ages of 12 and 24 months (benchmark 70%), and between the ages of 24 and 36 months (benchmark 65%). A bonus will be available for each separate age group.
- **Asthma management:** Clients with persistent asthma ages 5-11 years (benchmark 91.59%), ages 12-18 years (benchmark 86.96%), ages 19-50 years (benchmark 75.53%), and ages 51-64 years (benchmark 73.81%) who fill an asthma controller medication prescription. A bonus will be available for each separate age group.
- **Diabetes Management:** Clients with diabetes ages 18-75 years who receive at least one HbA1c test annually (benchmark 82.38%).
- **Breast Cancer Screening:** Women between ages 42 and 69 years who have had a mammogram in the last two years (benchmark 50.46%).
- **Lead Screening:** Children who receive at least one capillary or venous blood lead test by the age of 24 months (benchmark 71.41%).

HFS selected these bonus measurements based on input from participating PCPs, clinicians and healthcare quality specialists who participate in the Quality Management Advisory Subcommittee. A qualifying PCP is an IHC PCP who meets or exceeds the 2012 HEDIS 50th percentile benchmark, established by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), collectively for all the IHC clients on their panel roster for a particular measure, or in the case of developmental screening, the benchmark target set forth above. HFS will count the number of qualifying clients for each measure enrolled on the IHC panel roster of each PCP on December 1, 2013. HFS will then look to see which of those clients received the measured service during the measurement period.

HFS claims data will be used to determine whether a service was rendered. Immunization data from ICARE and Cornerstone will also be used to supplement claims data, and for the lead measure, data from the Illinois Department of Public Health will be used.

Although providers now have six (6) months from the date of service to bill HFS in order to be paid for the service, the 2013 bonus payment will be based on claims received no later than the end of a three month run out (January through March of 2014), meaning all claims for these services must be submitted to HFS prior to April 1, 2014 to be counted in the bonus measurement for 2013.

PCPs do not have to report any special information to earn a bonus payment; they just need to submit a detailed claim for the services that are rendered as usual. A measured service is counted whether or not it was the current PCP or another provider who rendered the service during the measurement period.

If a PCP meets or exceeds the benchmark for a particular measured service, a bonus payment will be made for each client that received the measured service. The bonus payment will be \$25 per client per qualifying service. One client may meet several measurements and, therefore, may count towards more than one qualifying service. If a PCP does not meet the benchmark for a bonus measurement, there will be no bonus payment made for any clients in that measure, whether they received the service or not.

More specific information about each bonus measurement and the target benchmarks can be found on the Bonus Payment page of www.illinoishealthconnect.com or obtained by calling the IHC Provider Services Help Desk at 1-877-912-1999, extension 3.