



## Illinois Health Connect 2014 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 2014. Under this program, Illinois Health Connect 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 of age (benchmark 72.88% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 78.3% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile).
- **Developmental Screening:** Children who receive at least one objective screening on or before their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (12 months of age) (benchmark 90%), children with one developmental screening after their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (12 months of age) and on or before their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday (24 months of age) (benchmark 80%), children with one developmental screening after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday (24 months of age) and on or before their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (36 months of age) (benchmark 75%).
- **Asthma management:** Patients with persistent asthma ages 5-11 years (benchmark 90.31% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 92.92% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile), ages 12-18 years (benchmark 85.88% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 88.99% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile), ages 19-50 years (benchmark 74.90% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 80.69% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile), and ages 51-64 years (benchmark 72.66% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 77.95% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) who fill an asthma controller medication prescription. A bonus will be available for each separate age group.
- **Diabetes Management:** Patients with diabetes ages 18 to 75 years who receive at least one HbA1c test screening annually (benchmark 83.21% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 87.32% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile).
- **Breast Cancer Screening:** Women ages between ages 50 and 74 who have had a mammogram in the last two years (benchmark 51.53% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 57.85% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile).
- **Lead Screening:** Children who receive at least one capillary or venous blood lead test by the age of 24 months (benchmark 72.26% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 82.24% for 75<sup>th</sup> percentile).

These bonus measurements were selected by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) based on input from participating PCPs, clinicians and health care quality specialists who participate in the IHC Provider & Quality Management Subcommittee. A qualifying PCP is an Illinois Health Connect PCP who meets or exceeds the 2013 HEDIS 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or 75<sup>th</sup> percentile benchmarks, established by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), collectively for all the Illinois Health Connect enrollees on their panel roster for a particular measure, or in the case of development screening, the benchmark target set forth by HFS. HFS will count the number of qualifying patients for

each measure enrolled on each PCP's Illinois Health Connect panel roster on December 1, 2014. HFS will then look to see which of those patients received the measured service during the measurement period.

**Please note new changes to the IHC Bonus Program for 2014:**

The 2014 bonus payments will be \$35 per qualifying service that reaches the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile national HEDIS benchmark (includes the Developmental Screening measure) or \$10 per qualifying service at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile national HEDIS benchmark. One patient may meet several measurements and, therefore, may count towards more than one qualifying service. If a PCP meets or exceeds the benchmark for a particular measured service, a bonus payment will be made for each patient that received the measured services. If a PCP does not meet the benchmark for a bonus measurement, there will be no bonus payment made for any patients in that measure, whether they received the service or not.

HFS claims data will be used to determine whether a service was rendered (for immunizations, ICARE and Cornerstone data will also be used, and for the lead measure, data from IDPH will also 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 2014 bonus payment will be based on claims received no later than the end of a three month run out (January through March of 2015), meaning all claims for these services must be submitted to HFS prior to April 1, 2015 to be counted in the bonus measurement for 2014.

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.

More specific information about each bonus measurement and the target benchmarks can be found on the Illinois Health Connect website at [www.illinoishealthconnect.com](http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com) by clicking on "Providers," then "Quality Tools," and then "IHC Bonus Payment" section or obtained by calling the Illinois Health Connect Provider Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999 option #3.