

## Update on Net Average Allowable Costs <sup>1</sup> (EPs only)

- CMS' Final Rule required that providers document costs associated with adopting, implementing, upgrading or demonstrating meaningful use of certified EHR technology to prove that the provider had contributed 15% of the costs.
- As of December 2010, CMS no longer mandates that requirement.
  - 1) EPs are no longer required to submit documentation such as receipts, cost data, or proof of purchase proving they have met the 15% contribution. EPs **will** have to attest to adopting, implementing, or upgrading EHR technology.
  - 2) EPs may receive the maximum incentive payment of **\$63,750** if all program requirements are met.
  - 3) The Federal government and states will not audit the costs of EHRs or whether or not the provider made a contribution toward the cost.

Payment Year	Payment Amount
Year 1	<b>\$21,250</b>
Year 2	<b>\$8,500</b>
Year 3	<b>\$8,500</b>
Year 4	<b>\$8,500</b>
Year 5	<b>\$8,500</b>
Year 6	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>

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<sup>1</sup>For more detail on NAAC and the incentive payment calculation for EPs, please refer to 42 CFR Parts 495.308 and 495.310 in the CMS Final Rule on the EHR Incentive Programs.