

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### In other news

CMS has opened registration for the electronic health record (EHR) incentive program, so now is the time to sign up if you'd like to be one of the many practices hoping to collect bonuses over the next several years.

Under the incentive program, each eligible professional can collect up to \$44,000 over a five-year period from Medicare, or up to \$63,750 from Medicaid over a six-year period. You cannot collect the bonus from both programs--you can collect from either Medicare or Medicaid.

"With the start of registration, these landmark programs get underway, and patients, providers, and the nation can begin to enjoy the benefits of widespread adoption of electronic health records," CMS Administrator **Donald Berwick, MD** said in a Dec. 22 statement. "CMS has many resources available to help providers register and participate, and we look forward to working with eligible professionals and eligible hospitals to facilitate the process, beginning on January 3rd and going forward."

For information about the program or to register, visit [www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms/](http://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms/).