

Health Information Compliance Alert

Reader Questions: Look To AMA For E-Prescribing Resources

Question: I am charged with transitioning our practice to e-prescribing and I am wondering if you can point to the best resources to get me started.

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Answer: With all the benefits to e-prescribing, including bonuses, it's no wonder that you're interested in how to get on board.

"A recent survey found about 30 percent of physician participants use an e-prescribing system in their practice," said **Joseph Heyman, MD**, an AMA board member, in a June 30 statement. "This is a sizeable increase from the 13 percent who said the same at the end of last year."

You're in luck: The American Medical Association (AMA) announced last week that it unveiled new guidance for e-prescribing.

The AMA's online portal allows you to calculate time savings and eligibility for incentive payments. In addition, you can access a "system finder tool" that selects three systems that might suit your practice, based on your responses to a questionnaire.

You can access the AMA's e-prescribing tool by visiting the association's Web site at www.ama-assn.org/go/eprescribing.

Find out more at these other online resources:

- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Resources:

www.cms.hhs.gov/ERxIncentive/09_Educational_Resources.asp

- eHealth Initiative: www.ehealthinitiative.org/eRX/