



Cal-Med *focus*

eRx Medicare Mandate

15 Days Remain Until Deadline

The end of June is the deadline for the Medicare eRx mandate, in which eligible professionals need to have an eRx solution in place. Under the Medicare eRx mandate eligible professionals must send out at least 10 e-scripts by June 30th, 2011 or they will be penalized 1% in 2012 by Medicare. With the deadline fast approaching and enrolment taking up to 5 business days plus allowing time for writing your first 10 e-scripts and making sure you give yourself enough time to report to Medicare as well.

CMS announced last week that it has a proposed rule to add extended hardships to the Medicare eRx mandate, possibly extending the time for eligible professionals (that qualify for those hardships) to show they have implemented an eRx solution.

Even with the proposed rule (that is not finalized) it will only give eligible professionals a very tight window to meet the requirements of implementing an eRx solution beyond the June 30th deadline. The rule is a possibility and its not guaranteed that it will pass, which means if your practice has not implemented an eRx solution and does not qualify for the current hardships listed, you could be subject to the 1% Medicare penalty in 2012.

Cal-Med offers a powerful and affordable eRx software solution with support . To see what the Cal-Med eRx can do, we invite you to see an eRx demo, to register visit www.cal-med.com or email Chris Urzua at curzua@cal-med.com

EMR Spotlight:

South Coast Medical Group

South Coast Medical Group (SCMG) has been using Cal-Med's fully integrated Practice Management, EMR, document imaging and worker's comp software modules for over 12 years (EMR 4 years). SCMG is a premier leading family medicine and urgent care center located in Aliso Viejo, CA providing comprehensive family medical care. As a multi-specialty health provider, SCMG has a wide range of billing requirements and we are pleased to have SCMG as a continued and happy client. For more information about South Coast Medical Group, please visit them at www.ocfamilydocs.com

Cal-Med Enters

EMR Certification Testing

This week Cal-Med signed up with the Drummond Group to start the testing process **to become a certified EMR software solution**. The Drummond Group is a recognized certifying body by the federal government.

We are very pleased to announce this news and are looking forward to the process of testing and becoming fully certified to meet the government stimulus requirements. The first available date for testing with the Drummond Group is August 19th, 2011. Cal-Med has locked in this testing date and will start the testing on that day.



Cal-Med has taken precise steps to reach this point, insuring that we can provide a superior EMR solution that not only meets standards but goes beyond them. During this process we have still maintained client support and will continue to do so during the testing process.

For all the latest news on Cal-Med's EMR certification testing, check out our website, www.cal-med.com or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

New Hire ~ Chris Urzua



Mr. Urzua's role at Cal-Med is Sales Manager, which includes developing a client base and continuing support to existing clients. He is also an excellent source of information for Practice Expert EMR software solution and the implementing of an EMR solution for your practice.

Mr. Urzua's has a strong background in the IT industry, in which he was CEO of an IT company that focused on educating and implementing IT systems for local business in Orange County. Mr. Urzua also worked in the mortgage industry for a number of years helping clients receive the best possible mortgage possible.

Time Saving Practice Expert Keys

Within the Cal-Med Practice Expert software there are time saving short cut keys that can be used to be more efficient and reduce the number of steps for common tasks within the program. For a more extensive list of time saving keys for Practice Expert, check out the Cal-Med Focus blog or email Kaili Hawley for you own copy at khawley@cal-med.com.

1. CTRL + S = Schedule a patient appointment.
2. CTRL + R = Register a new patient
3. CTRL + E = Edit a patients registration.

