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Subject: Primary Care Incentive Payment Eligibility File

Section 5501(a) of the Affordable Care Act provides for an incentive payment for primary care services furnished on or after January 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2016 by a primary care practitioner. The **Primary Care Incentive Payment (PCIP)** will be paid on a monthly or quarterly basis in an amount equal to 10 percent of the payment amount for such services under Part B. More information about the PCIP can be found in the following article: <http://www.cms.gov/MLN Matters Articles/downloads/MM7060.pdf>

As we mention in the recently updated MA Payment Guide for Out-of-Network Payments (<https://www.cms.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/oon-payments.pdf>), MAOs and PACE organizations are required to make PCIP incentive payments to eligible non-contracting providers. Eligible providers include: physicians who have a primary specialty designation of family medicine, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, or pediatric medicine; and nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants for whom primary care services accounted for at least 60 percent of the allowed charges under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for the practitioner in a prior period (calendar year 2009).

A **PCIP Eligibility File** with the NPI of each eligible provider who qualifies for the PCIP bonus in 2011 is now available through HPMS on the Data Extract Start Page. Because the file contains 170,921 rows, Excel 2007 or newer versions should be used when extracting the file.