

## An Overview of CMS's New ePrescribing Program

The Center for Medicare / Medicaid Services (CMS) will be implementing a new program beginning in 2009 to encourage physicians to utilize electronic technologies to handle patient prescriptions. As part of the PQRI program, CMS takes a carrot and stick approach by providing a 2% bonus in 2009 & 2010 for physicians who are successful electronic prescribers. This bonus declines in future years and is replaced by a reduction in Medicare payments beginning in 2012. CMS believes that ePrescribing will lead to a reduction in medical errors, improved patient safety and a long-term cost savings. This course will provide a broad introduction and overview to this important new program.

### This Practice Management Webcast is just \$99 for Members & their Practices:

- | = A 90-minute live Webconference including a formal presentation and time for Q&A
- | = The course is given once as a live Webcast, on Thursday December 4, 2008 (convenient for your staff) and then via streaming Internet technologies shortly thereafter. Your \$99 registration fee covers either one or both presentations and handout materials.
- | = The ability for ACS Fellows and practice managers to e-mail follow-up questions to Economedix Practice Management Advisors for personalized responses



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### Course Objectives - Completion of this Practice Management Course will provide:

1. A broad understanding and overview of the CMS ePrescribing program;
2. Knowledge of the benefits to early participation and the future reductions in Medicare payments for non-participation;
3. An understanding of the processes and procedures to begin participation in this new CMS program;
4. A description of the technologies involved in successful participation in this effort

**Accreditation** - The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education to physicians.

**Credits** - The American College of Surgeons designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.5 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. PAHCOM has pre-approved this educational activity for 1 CEU towards the PAHCOM CMM designation. To earn the credit, participants must complete the combination Evaluation / CME - CEU Form, that is included in the course materials, and FAX this form back within seven days following the date of the Webconference.

**Faculty** - The faculty for the course is Mr. Tom Loughrey, MBA, CCS-P. Mr. Loughrey is Chairman of Economedix and a noted practice management consultant to physicians, medical offices and medical societies. For over a decade, Mr. Loughrey has provided consulting services to the College as a part of the Consultant's Corner at the annual ACS Clinical Congress and regularly is engaged by ACS to speak and teach at meetings and workshops throughout the country.

**Registration & Information** - This completed form can be Faxed Toll Free to **877-813-9784**; or mailed to **Economedix - 297 Valley Road # 200 - Wexford, PA 15090**; For complete details and secure On-Line Registration simply go to: <http://www.YourMedPractice.com>

*Thank you for your interest in this Program!*



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**Yes**, we want to participate in the **Overview of the CMS ePrescribing Program** ... and will attend  
 Thursday December 4, 2008 @ 1 PM Eastern,  Web-based On-Demand ... or  Both Presentations.

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