



## Keiser Computers Newsletter October 2022



### An important date:

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**, This is the first day to start the 90 days of data collection for practices that are doing Promoting Interoperability (PI) for MIPS in 2022. If your practice is over 15 providers, this will be your last chance to perform the 90 days of PI in 2022.
- **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** The federal government will require electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. However, many states now require all controlled substances to be prescribed electronically. Check with your state for your EPCS requirements.
- **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** Medicare will require the **Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM)** for orthopedic, cardiology, and radiology practices for all MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine, and Pet testing. This is a very specialized type of clinical decision support and will require the use of third-party programs. There are free and premium services available

**MIPS 2022** If you will be undertaking MIPS with Keiser Computers' assistance this year, please be aware that registration is now open. We have very good pricing for the 2022 year and look forward to helping everyone. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get started on the training and the initial setup. It is important to start on this now so that we can load the data from the claims for 2022 up to the current month and see how your providers are performing on the dashboard. By the way, if you had picked your quality measures early in the year, you might want to check that your measures have not changed. You can look here: <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/explore-measures?tab=qualityMeasures&py=2022#measures>. If you have not been working the quality measures all year, you will want to pick your measures as soon as possible to minimize the amount of work needed at the end of the year. For those who believe that they can opt-out of MIPS, you can now apply for the Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC). The exception application is available at [qpp.cms.gov](https://qpp.cms.gov) under your login.

**Drs Enterprise and the Cures Act** Keiser Computers has been working diligently this past year to comply with the newest EHR requirements. We have already passed the most challenging requirement known as G10. This new feature, that is required of all certified EHRs, mandates that the EHR must have an option to communicate with third-party programs. The common name for this option is "FHIR," and it provides a way to talk to programs and Apps on smartphones and other devices. The idea is that any patient that wants access to their Medical Records can use their smartphone to easily download their information from sources such as their insurance company, their hospital, or their personal physician at a private practice. We are also finishing up the many other requirements that are necessary to maintain the EHR certification and expect to be completed by the end of this year.

**Hurricane Season and other Disasters:** If you are in the path of a major storm and need to make preparations, our opinion is that you should not disconnect all the cables. We believe you should elevate computers and equipment off the floor and disconnect only the power to every device. We strongly recommend that you do NOT disconnect the other cables that attach to your computer devices. We have seen in the past that if/when your building survives, it will just be a matter of plugging in the power and you can be up and running quickly. On sites that disconnected network cables, routers, monitor cables, keyboard cables, etc., it often required an on-site visit from a computer technician to get the office fully functional again. After a storm, the demand can be high so it can be quite a while before a technician is able to get to your practice. In addition, many of our clients are not aware that Drs Enterprise and other programs are currently being hosted on the Keiser Computer's cloud. The servers in the cloud are located in a HIPAA, SSAE16, SOC 2 Type II, and NIST Compliant Enterprise-Class Data Center. This facility is also category five hurricane resistant complete with gas-based inert fire suppression, 2N+X Smart-Grid redundant power infrastructure, and a 2N+X Smart-Grid redundant cooling infrastructure. In other words, if your data is being hosted on our cloud, you are not likely to experience downtime due to this upcoming hurricane or other natural disasters.

Sincerely, *Jeff Keiser*