

# Progress Report

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## [Update & Referral Tool!](#)

[physician-partners.com](http://physician-partners.com) is updated. Check your listing and email us a current photo and your url address. This can be a great referral tool.

## [\\$1,000,000 Bonus Payments in 2010 – It's not too late to benefit in 2011!](#)

Partners helped our physicians receive more than \$1 million in Medicare Bonuses for 2010.

- **PQRS** – Partners is once again offering the DocSite registry reporting service. This is a simple, easy-to-use system! Go to [Physician-Partners.com](http://Physician-Partners.com) or [VIPHealthConnect.com](http://VIPHealthConnect.com) for participation information and discount coupons.

- **eRx** – Our eRx system is easy to use. We can quickly train and start your office. Physicians can offset Medicare's 1% penalty in 2011. There are also exemptions for certain Specialties. Complete information is on our websites.

- **Meaningful Use** – Qualifying began in April. More info is at [Physician-Partners.com](http://Physician-Partners.com) and [VIPHealthconnect.com](http://VIPHealthconnect.com).

## [Read All About It](#)

To view recent seminar materials, click

- ["The Indispensable Office Manager: Strategies to Avoid Costly Employment Law Errors"](#), presented by Ali Oromchian, HR for Health, Physician Resource Ctr member
- ["Dealing with the new Reality: Medicare Reductions & Regulatory Changes"](#) presented by Tom Gehring, Executive Director, San Diego County Medical Society

## [Make Your Voice Heard](#)

Let Congress Know Your opinion of the Proposed 2012 Medicare Reimbursement Reductions and the need to repeal SGR! During Tom Gehring's excellent presentation, "Dealing with the New Reality", he reminded attendees that they need to communicate with the right people. You can click below to get your message to our representatives:

- [Message to Our Representatives;](#)

Tom Gehring also requests you review:

- [Medicare participation options;](#)
- [Work force & comp survey](#)

## [Did You Know?](#)

Less than 6% of Medicare payments are contested. 60% of contested payments result in increased payment according to a GSA study reported by Jeff Denning of PPG Consulting.

## [VIP Health Portal - 20,000+ Results!](#)

The VIP Health Connect Portal is electronically delivering test results from LabCorp, Quest, Imaging Healthcare Specialists and SD Pathology. With, or without an EMR, test results are quickly and easily accessed. In addition to seeing results by the ordering physician, other participating physicians' test reports can be accessed. This can decrease duplicate testing, increase office efficiency and improve patient satisfaction—plus it is a FREE Physician Partners' member benefit.

## [Coming Events](#)

[VIP Portal Training webinars](#) - Tuesdays or Thursdays up to 12/15/11. RSVP to schedule.

## [Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls!" – Aesop

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