

Falcon Physician Receives Stage 2 Meaningful Use Certification

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Meaningful Use is the set of standards, defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which allows for providers to earn incentive dollars by complying with a set of specific criteria. The purpose of Meaningful Use is to encourage electronic exchange of patient data among health record systems through common data sets. Sharing patient data in a standard format and vocabulary benefits both the patient and the providers and allows for access to information in a faster, easier, and more accurate manner.

"At Falcon Physician we have worked hard to take the government's rigorous and complex requirements and make them manageable for doctors," said Derek Schoonover, vice president of information technology for Falcon Physician. "We believe that Meaningful Use participation and EHR adoption is the right path for physicians to take as our industry moves toward integrated care."

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs provide financial incentives for the meaningful use of certified EHR technology to improve patient care. To receive an EHR incentive payment, and avoid penalties, providers have to show that they are meaningfully using their EHRs by meeting thresholds for a number of objectives. The EHR Incentive Programs are phased in three stages with increasing requirements.

Stage 2 takes Meaningful Use to the next level with more complex measures than Stage 1. In Stage 2 measures include the requiring of health information exchange (HIE) through communication between physicians and patient tracking their own health records online. It also includes increased patient-controlled data and more complex reporting needs.

About Falcon Physician

Falcon Physician is a nephrology-focused, Meaningful Use certified, easy-to-use electronic health record designed by health technology experts in conjunction with nephrologists. Our flexible, web-based system is available on your laptop, iPad or iPad mini--so you can access critical patient data anytime, anywhere you're connected to the internet. With four tiers of service, our nephrology-focused solutions help you provide optimal patient care.

About DaVita HealthCare Partners

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita and HealthCare Partners. DaVita is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2014, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 2,119 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 168,000 patients. The company also operated 84 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Florida in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of March 31, 2014, HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 795,000 managed care patients. For more information, please visit [DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com](#).

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