

Value-Based Purchasing:



Where's the Value in the Value-Based Purchasing Program?

Hospitals that do well on quality measures related to clinical processes and their patients' experience, as well as those that improve their performance on the specified measures, will receive higher payments under the program mandated by the Affordable Care Act. The measures to determine quality in the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program focus on how closely hospitals follow best clinical practices and how well hospitals enhance patients' experiences of care. When hospitals follow these types of proven best practices, patients receive higher quality care and see better outcomes.

In FY 2013, an estimated \$850 million will be allocated to hospitals based on their overall performance on a set of quality measures that have been shown to improve clinical processes of care and patient satisfaction.

The new "efficiency measures," part of Medicare's "hospital value-based purchasing" program approved under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are proposed to go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2014.

Go to the [healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/valuebasedpurchasing04292011a.html) news site to read a FACT SHEET that discusses this issue further:

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