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Chicago - The American Medical Association (AMA) today reminds physicians that June 30, 2012 is the deadline to report on at least 10 electronic scripts to avoid the 2013 Medicare e-prescribing program penalty. Physicians who are not able to meet the requirements of the program should [apply for a hardship exemption](#) applicable to their particular case before the June 30, 2012 deadline.

"While we do not think physicians are being given enough time to comply with the Medicare e-prescribing program, we want to make them aware of the upcoming e-prescribing deadline so they can take steps now to prevent being hit with the 2013 penalty," said AMA Immediate Past-President Cecil B. Wilson M.D.

In November 2011 CMS released the final regulation on the 2013 Medicare e-prescribing penalty program. The penalty for not successfully participating in the program, or not filing for an exemption on time, is a 1.5 percent payment reduction for all Medicare claims based on the 2013 fee schedule amounts during the year. [Apply for an exemption](#).

Learn more about the [e-prescribing penalty](#) and the reporting requirements.

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