



Fact Sheet for Eligible Hospitals

Program Overview

The Georgia Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program is a voluntary, multi-year, multi-stage program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and is 100 percent federally funded through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicaid Incentive EHR Program provides incentive payments to Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. The program is slated to end in 2022.

Eligible Hospitals

Acute care, critical access and children’s hospitals are the only hospital types that are eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Acute care and critical access hospitals must have a Medicaid (Title XIX) patient volume of at least 10 percent of their total volume to be eligible to receive incentive payments. Patient volume is defined by CMS as the percent of Medicaid Title XIX encounters to total hospital encounters for the same 90-day period. Children’s hospitals do not have to meet Medicaid patient volume requirements to receive incentive payments.

Eligible Hospitals may receive payments from both the Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs. The exceptions are children’s hospitals, which will qualify for Medicaid incentive payments only. Hospital types as defined by CMS are provided in the table below.

Eligible Hospitals	Medicaid Patient Volume over 90-Day Period	Definition
Acute Care and Critical Access Hospitals	10% Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average patient stay = 25 days or fewer, and • CCN’s last four digits = • 0001 - 0879 and 1300 - 1399
Children’s Hospitals	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separately certified children’s hospital, and • CCN’s last four digits = • 3300 - 3399

For more information about eligibility for hospitals, visit

www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Eligible_Hospital_Information.html.

Adopt, Implement, Upgrade and Meaningful Use

Eligible Hospital participants must adopt (acquire and install), implement (training), upgrade (expand functionality with new version, etc.) or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology during Year 1 of their program participation.

In the two remaining years of their program participation, Eligible Hospitals must demonstrate meaningful use (i.e., how the technology moves beyond being a digital medical chart to a valuable tool to transform health care service delivery and improve health outcomes). The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program requires the use of EHR technology certified through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). For more information, visit the ONC website at <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>.

Incentives for Eligible Hospitals

By meeting all program requirements, Eligible Hospitals may earn an incentive payment based on a formula that includes an annual EHR base amount; a per-discharge amount and a transition factor for each year; a Medicaid share based on inpatient, non-charity care days; and an aggregate EHR payment amount. The aggregate EHR payment estimate, when approved by DCH, is the total incentive payment that will be paid out during three years of participation.

Getting Started

Step One: Register with CMS. Eligible Hospitals must first register on the CMS Registration and Attestation System website at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>.

Step Two: Contact HP Enterprise Services Contact Center at HP.mapir.outreach@hp.com or call 800-766-4456 and choose prompt 1 for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Support Team.

For More Information

To learn more about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, visit the CMS website at www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms and the DCH website at www.dch.georgia.gov/ehr.