

MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Eligible Professionals

Program Overview

The Medicaid EHR Incentives Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to five remaining participation years.

Eligible Medicaid Professionals

Eligible professionals (EPs) under the Medicaid EHR Incentives Program include Physicians (primarily doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy), Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Dentists and Physician Assistants who furnish services in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic that is led by a Physician Assistant. EPs must meet certain Medicaid patient volume requirements. Visit these links for more information on patient volume requirements:

[CMS Eligibility for EPs: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp#BOOKMARK1](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp#BOOKMARK1)

[CMS Eligibility for EP Clinic/Group Practices:
http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/10362/kw/patient%20volumes%20for%20EPs](http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/10362/kw/patient%20volumes%20for%20EPs)

Adopt/Implement/Upgrade & Meaningful Use of Certified EHR Technology

Participants must adopt (acquire and install), implement (commence usage of), upgrade (expand functionality with new version, etc.) **or** demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology during year one of their program participation. In all subsequent years, providers must demonstrate meaningful use (i.e., how the technology moves beyond being a digital medical chart into being a valuable tool to transform health care service delivery and improve health outcomes). The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs require 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 Medicaid Professionals

By meeting all program requirements, EPs may receive up to \$63,750 during their six years of program participation. Year one: \$21,250; each subsequent year: \$8,500. For pediatricians who meet the 20 percent patient volume but fall short of the 30 percent patient volume threshold, the maximum incentive is \$14,167 in the first year; and \$5,667 in each subsequent year; for a total incentive of \$42,500.

Technical Assistance

The Georgia Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (GA-HITREC) provides education, outreach and technical assistance to Georgia health care providers in selecting, implementing and using health information technology to improve the quality and value of health care. For more information about GA-HITREC, please visit www.ga-hitrec.org or call toll free: 877.658.1990

Getting Started

Step One: Register with CMS. Beginning January 3, 2011, CMS opened registration for eligible professionals who wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Eligible Professionals may register now on the CMS Registration and Attestation System website at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>.

Step Two: Register with the State of Georgia – Available Summer 2011. Beginning in the summer of 2011, DCH will begin registration for eligible providers who wish to participate in the Georgia Medicaid EHR Incentives Program. Providers must have registered for web access through their existing Georgia Medicaid Web Portal account prior to registration for a Medicaid EHR incentive payment. The Georgia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed at <https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>

For More Information

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