

Program Alerts

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented incentive payments to EPs, EAs and CAHs, participating in Medicare and Medicaid programs that are meaningful users of certified EHR technology. The incentive payments are not a reimbursement, but are intended to encourage providers to adopt, implement, or upgrade certified EHR technology and use it in a meaningful manner. While providers could begin the program in Calendar Year (CY) 2011, they must begin the program no later than CY 2016. Providers are required to begin by registering at the national level with the Medicare and Medicaid registration and attestation system (also referred to as the NLR). CMS' official Web site for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>. The site provides general and detailed information on the programs, including tabs to guide users on the path to payment, eligibility, meaningful use, certified EHR technology, and frequently asked questions.

Important Dates

Please note due to the NPRMs some of the Important Dates will possibly change.

Eligible Professionals:

- **January 1, 2015** – Reporting year begins for Program Year 2015.
- **March 20, 2015** – Last day to switch programs.
- **April 30, 2015** – Last day to attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2014.
- **July 1, 2015** – Last day to submit Hardship Exception applications for 2016 Medicare Payment Adjustment.
- **December 31, 2015** – Last day of the Calendar Year (CY). Reporting year ends.
- **2016** – Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **2021** – Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

Eligible Hospitals and CAHs:

- **March 20, 2015** – Last day to switch programs.
- **April 1, 2015** – Last day to submit Hardship Exception applications for 2016 Medicare Payment Adjustment.
- **September 30, 2015** – Last day of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). Reporting year ends for Program Year 2015.
- **October 1, 2015** – Reporting year begins for Program Year 2016.
- **December 31, 2015** – Last day to attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.
- **2016** – Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **2021** – Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

For Help with Meaningful Use

Regional Extension Centers (REC) with Kentucky Service

- Kentucky Regional Extension Center at the University of Kentucky: <http://www.ky-rec.org/>
- NorthEast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization: <http://nekyrhio.org/>

For Help from Kentucky Medicaid

- Medicaid EHR website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>
- Send an email to ehrincentives@ky.gov
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website

Getting Started

- ✓ Register at CMS
- ✓ Individual NPI and Registration Identifier (assigned by CMS)
- ✓ Payment reassignment documentation
- ✓ 90 day patient volume report
- ✓ Meaningful Use reports for MU reporting period
- ✓ Certified EHR Technology supporting documentation
- ✓ Screen shot of CMS Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List website
- ✓ Meaningful Use Confirmation form (provided by KHIE) and/or Go-Live Approval form (provided by KHIE)

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, August 3, 2015

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	254	242	\$124,349,634.58
Providers	6,865	5,671	4,389	\$71,911,416.82
Totals	3,960	5,925	4,631	\$196,261,051.40

Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, June 2015

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 8,264

Total Amount Paid: \$334,527,477.44

KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation.

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