

March 2016

Program Alerts

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established an alternate attestation option through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program website for providers who are attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and are subject to payment adjustments through Medicare.

In order to avoid payment adjustments, first time providers (i.e. EPs who have not previously attested to Meaningful Use (MU)) must attest through CMS's registration & attestation (RNA) system using the alternate Medicare attestation method on/before the March 11th deadline to avoid Medicare payment adjustments in 2016 (and, this alternate Medicare attestation would also avoid 2017 payment adjustments). If they wish to earn their Medicaid incentive, they must also attest through their respective State Medicaid attestation system before the State deadline.

Returning providers do not have to attest through the CMS attestation system as long as they will be able to successfully attest to program year 2015 MU with their State and the State successfully compiles and uploads to the NLR the State's MU Data batch file before October 2016.

Important Dates

Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals:

- **2016**
Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **January 1, 2016**
Reporting year begins for Program Year 2016.
- **January 1 – February 29, 2016**
CAH 2015 Hardship Application Submission Period.
- **March 11, 2016**
Alternate Attestation Option deadline to avoid a payment adjustment.
- **March 15, 2016**
EP deadline to submit hardship exception application.
- **May 31, 2016**
Last day to attest to receive an incentive payment for Program Year 2015.
- **July 1, 2016**
EP, EH and CAH deadline to submit hardship exception application.
- **August 1 – September 30, 2016**
CAH 2015 Reconsideration Application Submission Period.
- **December 31, 2016**
Reporting year ends for Program Year 2016.
- **2021**
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

For Help with Meaningful Use

Regional Extension Centers (REC) with Kentucky Service

- Kentucky REC at the University of Kentucky: <http://kentuckyrec.com/>
- 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, February 1, 2016

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	255	246	\$124,771,044.07
Providers	4,298	5,955	4,816	\$78,762,416.84
Totals	4,393	6,210	5,062	\$203,533,460.91

Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, November 2015

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 8,445

Total Amount Paid: \$338,141,131.07

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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