

PROGRAM UPDATE



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The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) continues to accept attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. In Program Year 2012, more than **\$63 million** in incentive payments were made to eligible health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption, implementation or upgrade (AIU) and Meaningful Use (MU) of certified EHR technology and payments for Program Year 2013 already total more than **\$18 million**.

Eligible Professional Deadline for Program Year 2013

Eligible Professionals (EPs) need to note that **March 31, 2014** is the deadline to attest to Adopting, Implementing and Upgrading (AIU) your Electronic Health Records (EHR) or to Meaningful Use (MU) of your EHR in the Colorado Registration & Attestation System.

For resources on attesting to Meaningful Use in 2013, please visit <http://www.corhio.org/ehrs-meaningful-use.aspx>.

Managed Care Encounters

If your Colorado Medicaid encounter volume includes any encounters through a managed care organization such as Rocky Mountain Health Plans or Denver Health Medicaid (there are others, which are not listed here), please make sure you indicate which plans on Step 1, License Information in the CO R&A.

In addition, when you list your encounters on the Verification Workbook or De-identified List, indicate which encounters are managed care. This extra step will allow the attestation review team to more quickly verify eligibility.

Recorded Webinars to Help You Attest

CORHIO has two recorded webinars available to assist you as you complete your 2013 attestations. *The Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Demystified: How to get paid for implementing an EHR* will help you with AIU attestations. *The Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program: Attesting to Stage 1 Meaningful Use in Program Year 2013* can help you with MU attestations.

You can watch either webinar or download the slides [here](#).

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Public Health Reporting Guidance for Meaningful Use Stage 2

Recently, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released guidance for reporting any public health objectives for Stage 2 Meaningful Use for Eligible Professionals (EP) and Eligible Hospitals (EH), including Electronic Lab Reporting (EH), Immunization Reporting (EP & EH) and Cancer Registry Reporting (EP & EH).

Stage 2 Meaningful Use requires that all EPs and EHs register their intent to attest to one or more of the public health objectives, even if they are already working with CDPHE in Stage 1. For more information, click [here](#) and look under Additional Information.

Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/Expected Date
CO R&A System begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare Meaningful Use attestations	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Meaningful Use for FFY 2013	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	Now Open!
First incentive payments issued to EPs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!
First incentive payments issues to EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will be the central point of contact for EPs, EHs, partners and other interested parties on requirements, processes and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator, Tracy McDonald, can be reached at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.

Xerox (formerly Affiliated Computer Services) has been contracted by the Department to manage the Provider Outreach Page and to provide the Colorado R&A System, including the web portal through which eligible providers can register and attest to receive the EHR incentive payments.