

PROGRAM UPDATE



July 9, 2014

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 **\$43 million**.

***New!* - Program Year 2014 Open**

The 2014 program year for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is open as of July 1, 2014 for 2014 AIU and MU attestations. Keep in mind that the CO R&A has been upgraded to accommodate the [changes to MU for 2014](#) and all AIU and MU attestations must be made with a 2014 Edition Certified EHR. The CO R&A will not allow you to submit any attestations with a 2011 Edition Certified EHR.

Changes that may take place due to the Stage 2 Modifications Notice of Proposed Rule Making (see below) are not available in the CO R&A at this time.

Visit CORHIO's Meaningful Use pages for [Eligible Hospitals](#) (EH) and [Eligible Professionals](#) (EP) for updates to 2014 workbooks and other useful tools.

Opportunity to Submit Comments on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making for Stage 2 Modifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a [Notice of Proposed Rule Making](#) (NPRM) on May 20, 2014 proposing modifications to Stage 2 for EPs, EHs and CAHs. There are specific guidelines being proposed around the delay, so please take a few minutes to read the NPRM.

CORHIO has created an online survey to collect comments and we welcome you to use the survey if you would like us to comment on your behalf. All comments are due to CORHIO by July 11, 2014, to meet the CMS comment period deadline. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NZW768D>

New Webinars on Meaningful Use Public Health Objectives

To support the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, CORHIO and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment have produced a series of webinars about the Meaningful Use public health objectives. Each webinar also explains how CORHIO can assist with these objectives.

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The Meaningful Use objectives covered in the series include: Immunization Reporting, Syndromic Surveillance Reporting, Electronic Lab Reporting, and Cancer Registry Reporting.

The webinars can be found at <http://www.corhio.org/events/recorded-events.aspx>

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
2012 incentive payments issued to EPs and EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid AIU or Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid
2013 incentive payments issued to EPs and EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid AIU or Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid
CO R&A System opens for Medicaid-only EHs to attest to Stage 1 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014	Now Open
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to AIU and Stage 1 for program year 2014	Now Open

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.