

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**June 25, 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 **\$40 million (Tracy to update)**.

### **Program Year 2014**

The 2014 program year for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has not yet opened. An announcement will be sent once the program year is open. 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.

CMS is requesting comments on the NPRM with comments due July 21, 2014. This comment period extends beyond the July 1, 2014 deadline for all hardship exemption applications. Because this is only a proposed change at this point, please do not hesitate in filing a hardship exemption if one applies to you and you needed to file one in 2014. For more information on payment adjustments and hardship exemptions, visit the [Payment Adjustments & Hardship Exceptions](#) page.

CORHIO has created an online survey to collect comments and we welcome you to use the survey if you would like CORHIO to comment on your behalf. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NZW768D>

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### *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                                | Program Year is now closed |
| CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013                      | Program Year is now closed |
| 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!                      |
| CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014            | Fall 2014                  |
| CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Stage 1 for program year 2014                              | Summer 2014                |

### *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](mailto: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.