

PROGRAM UPDATE



March 12, 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. Payments for Program Year 2013 already total more than **\$32 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.

Please **do not wait until the last minute** to start your attestation in case you encounter any difficulties. The March 31 deadline is set and all attestations must be done before midnight. Keep in mind, all technical issues you encounter in the CO R&A need to be discussed with Xerox at 866-879-0109. Xerox's help desk is only available Monday – Friday.

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

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](#).

New Tools for Program Year 2014

Beginning the last week of March, CORHIO will have new tools and recorded webinars reflecting changes that occur in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and to Meaningful Use in 2014. There will be new workbooks for 2014 attestations along with a new checklist of requirement documents. In addition, there will be newly recorded webinars on attesting to AIU and attesting to MU in 2014. All new tools and recorded webinars will be announced in future Medicaid Program Updates.

In the meantime, you can review some of the changes to MU for EPs and EHs [here](#) and [here](#), respectively.

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HIMSS Event – Beyond Stage One Meaningful Use Education

HIMSS is hosting a free event targeted at EPs and their office staff on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. At the event, experts will provide an overview of Meaningful Use Stage 2, including an in-depth look at the Clinical Quality Measures. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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.