

PROGRAM UPDATE



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The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is accepting attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. To date, more than \$59 million in incentive payments have been made to eligible health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption and Meaningful Use of certified EHR technology.

Program Year 2013 is now open!

The Colorado Registration & Attestation System (CO R&A) is now accepting attestations for program year 2013 (PY2013). This includes all Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) attestations along with Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 1 attestations with a 90-day EHR Reporting Period for Eligible Professionals (EP) and Eligible Hospitals (EH).

If you have any questions about the program, visit the program website at <http://co.earr incentive.com/> or contact Tracy McDonald, Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator, by email at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or by phone at 720.285.3232.

Important Information about Attesting as a Group Administrator in Program Year 2013

If your practice attested as a Group using the Group's Patient Volume (PV) in program year 2012, you will be required to rebuild your Group. Because you are required to rebuild your Group, the composition of your Group can change from year to year to accommodate any staffing changes.

Groups can also have members that are in differing payment years which means that you can have some of your EPs attesting to MU or payment year 2 and some of your EPs attesting to AIU or payment year 1 as long as the PV is based on the same 90-day eligibility period. It is important to note that if an EP in your practice decides to attest individually, the EP cannot use the Group's PV and must meet all of the eligibility requirements using their PV.

Attesting to MU requires a 90-day EHR Reporting Period. The EHR Reporting Period is the timeframe for which EHR MU data are being reported. This date must be in the current year, cannot cross over calendar years and is unique to each EP. If you are attesting as a Group, the 90-day eligibility period must be the same for all EPs in your Group; however, the EHR Reporting Periods can be different for each EP.

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Determining When to Attest Using Group Patient Volume

The option to attest using Group Patient Volume has been made available for practices that have EPs who see Medicaid patients but may fall short of the 30% PV requirement (20% for Pediatricians). This is the only reason for which the Group Patient Option should be used and should be avoided if all of your EPs are eligible using their own PV.

Attesting as a Group can be an advantageous option for those EPs who fall short of the required PV; however, it can be a hindrance if used when your EPs are eligible individually. Attesting as a Group does not save time, nor does it save work. It may actually create more work if there are any issues with the attestations.

For example, if you have an EP whose PV cannot be verified during the pre-payment review and the Eligibility Workbook needs to be updated with a new PV percentage, it will cause your entire Group to be pended or put on hold. A change in PV for your Group will force a change to the Attestation Agreement for all of the members of your Group and not just the one EP whose PV was modified.

Attesting as a Group will also delay payment if there is an issue with one of the EPs attestation, whereas if you attest individually, each EP will be paid as their attestation is approved.

Please keep in mind that the option to attest as a Group is ultimately up to you and your practice, but note that there are a few complications with doing so. If you have any questions about attesting as a Group or if you're wondering whether or not you should use the Group option, contact MedicaidEHR@corhio.org for guidance.

Free Recorded Webinar – Attesting to Meaningful Use in Program Year 2013

In anticipation of the opening of Program Year 2013, there is a new recorded webinar available for you to watch at your convenience. In the webinar, you'll learn:

- The new 2013 changes to Stage 1 Meaningful Use and Medicaid eligibility
- New documentation required for attesting to Stage 1 Meaningful Use
- An in-depth look at each of the 5 steps of Attestation

The recording of the webinar can be found at <http://bcove.me/cxb9yy1t>. You can also find the presentation at www.corhio.org on the Meaningful Use page.

Other recorded webinars can be found at www.corhio.org on the Recorded Events page.

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Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/Expected Date
CMS registration opened for Colorado participants	Now Open!
Colorado R&A System live & Medicaid AIU attestation begins	Now Open!
First incentive payments issued to EPs and EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid AIU of Certified EHRs	Paid!
Colorado R&A System begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare Meaningful Use attestations	Now Open!
Colorado R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Meaningful Use for FFY 2013	Now Open!
Colorado R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	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.