

PROGRAM UPDATE



January 9, 2013

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is accepting attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. To date, more than \$36 million in incentive payments have been made to health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption and Meaningful Use of certified EHR technology.

Grace Period Dates for 2012 Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Attestations

The grace period for submitting Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) attestations for Eligible Professionals (EP) is **February 28, 2013** for CY 2012. In order for the attestation to be valid for 2012, “Step 5: Sending Year 1 Attestation” must be complete.

EPs include: Physicians, Dentists, Certified Nurse-midwives, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants practicing in a FQHC or RHC led by a Physician Assistant

Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) Attestations for 2013

In order to simplify eligibility for EPs and due to some additional mandatory changes to the program, AIU attestations for 2013 did not begin on January 1, 2013. The commencement of 2013 AIU attestations is anticipated to be March 2013. Meaningful Use attestations are still scheduled to begin April 1, 2013.

Free Webinar! The Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Demystified: How to get paid for implementing an EHR

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Time: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm MST

Attend this free webinar for EPs and you’ll learn:

- The Medicaid requirement for attesting to the EHR Incentive Program
- What Attestation, Implementation and Upgrade (AIU) means
- What the system looks like and how to register in the system
- How to prepare your documentation
- What to expect during the process and generally how long it takes
- Learn more about the 2013 state Medicaid changes

To register, visit <http://corhio.org/events/medicaid-webinar-2-13.aspx?edte=2844>.

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Including Physician Assistants in Group Volume Calculations

The Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program does **not** allow Physician Assistants (PA) to be included in the Group Volume calculation unless the PA is practicing in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) that is so led by a PA. If your practice is not an FQHC or an RHC, do not include any non-eligible professionals as this will result in a request to resubmit your group eligibility workbook and other supporting documents.

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	January 2013
Colorado R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	April 2013

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.