

PROGRAM UPDATE



November 06, 2013

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 **\$62 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 **\$6 million**.

Eligible Hospital Deadline for Program Year 2013

November 30, 2013 is the last day **Eligible Hospitals** (EH) can attest using data collected before September 30th. Keep in mind that EHs must attest every year to receive incentives and to avoid payment adjustments (if dually eligible). Please note that this is an updated date from the previous Medicaid Update.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the Xerox help desk is open Monday – Friday only. November 30th is a Saturday and the help desk will be closed. Also note that the help desk will be closed on Thursday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If your hospital is a dually eligible hospital and you are attesting to both incentive programs for program year 2013, please note that you must wait at least 48 hours between your Medicare and Medicaid attestations if you are attesting to Medicare first. This will give the Medicare R&A system time to transfer your data to the CO R&A. If you wish to attest to both programs on the same day or within 24-48 hours, you may start with your Medicaid attestation and then move on to your Medicare attestation.

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

Common Mistakes & Important Tips on Attestations

Whether you are attesting to AIU or to MU, the number of attachments and additional information required to complete an attestation can be overwhelming and very easy to overlook. CORHIO has created a [checklist](#) that can be downloaded to help remind you of the required documents. Some of the most common mistakes and the best way to correct them include:

- Make sure the Eligibility Workbook is filled out completely, including the About You tab and only fill out the tabs that pertain to your provider/practice. If you are not a managed care organization, skip the Panels tab. If you are not a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), skip the FQHC or RHC tab.

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- Whether you are attesting to AIU or to MU, proof of a Certified EHR has to be uploaded each year. Make sure you are uploading a copy of the contract/license agreement that is fully executed by both parties and make sure you are uploading an invoice. The invoice does not need to be in full and can include installments, but proof of payment is required.
- The Eligibility Verification Workbook (or De-identified List) is used to verify all of the eligible encounters and must be filled out fully. Make sure that all Medicaid IDs are included that you used to calculate your encounter volume – this could include the rendering provider or the supervising provider, too. In addition, make sure that you are only including encounters that were billed/filed with Medicaid. These encounters can include zero-pay encounters, but if they were not filed with Medicaid, they cannot be verified.
- When you are attesting to MU, make sure that the MU Summary Report(s) that are uploaded include all of the Core and Menu objectives along with all of the Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) that you have chosen. If your certified EHR does not report on any Yes/No Objectives, obtain a letter from your vendor explaining that, although the functionality is enabled, the report from their product does not include Yes/No Objectives. This will help eliminate any confusion during the attestation review.

If you have any questions about your attestation or about the reason why your attestation may have been placed on hold once submitted, you may always send your questions to MedicaidEHR@corhio.org.

Recorded Webinar on 2014 Changes to Stage 1 and an Introduction to Stage 2 Meaningful Use

With 2014 right around the corner, CORHIO has added another webinar to its selection of recorded events all targeted at successfully attesting to Meaningful Use. Stage 2 Meaningful Use officially starts on January 1, 2014 for Eligible Professionals, but many EPs in Colorado will still be attesting to Stage 1 Meaningful Use in 2014.

Colorado's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program started accepting Meaningful Use attestations in Program Year 2013, so our EPs will be in their second year of Stage 1, but it's never too early to start preparing for Stage 2. This webinar outlines the changes coming to all EPs attesting to Stage 1 Meaningful Use in 2014 and goes into detail on some of the largest objectives in Stage 2. It also talks about important deadlines for Payment Adjustments in 2015.

To view the webinar or download the slides, click [here](#).

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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	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!

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.