

## PROGRAM UPDATE



### **October 16, 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 and Meaningful Use (MU) of certified EHR technology and payments for Program Year 2013 already total almost **\$6 million**.

### **Eligible Hospital Deadline for Program Year 2013**

**November 29, 2013** is the last day **Eligible Hospitals** (EH) can attest using data collected before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that EHs must attest every year to receive incentives and to avoid payment adjustments (if dually-eligible).

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

### **New! 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](#).

### **Meaningful Use Stage 1 Menu Set Objective – Immunization Registry**

All EPs are required to attest to 5 Menu Set Objectives in 2013 with one of those objectives being a public health objective. Most EPs report on the Immunization Registry objective; however, this objective may be a little confusing in the Colorado Registration & Attestation System (CO R&A). Here are a few points that may help clarify this objective:

- If you are an EP that does not give immunizations, you may take Exclusion 1 and continue to your next objective. There are no required documents for you to upload for this exclusion.

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- If you are an EP that gives immunizations, you will need to both take Exclusion 2 because you do not have the capability to submit data because you are still on the wait list with the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) and have an email to prove it.
  - If you are not on the list, you may not take the exclusion and will need to get on the list to attest to this objective.
  - If you are on the list, you will need to upload a copy of the email with your attestations. If you do not upload the email, your attestation will be put on hold and you will receive a request to upload the email.
- If you are an EP that gives immunizations and have completed the integration with CIIS, you will have to perform a test and enter the date of the test in the CO R&A.
  - If the test passed, you will not need to upload any additional information.
  - If the test failed, you will need to upload the notice from CIIS that the test failed. If you do not upload the failed test notification, your attestation will be put on hold and you will receive a request to upload the email.

Please contact Tracy McDonald, Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at [MedicaidEHR@corhio.org](mailto:MedicaidEHR@corhio.org) if you have any questions about the requirements outlined above. If you are not yet on the wait list with CIIS, you may visit the CIIS webpage and start filling out the [CIIS Implementation documents](#) today.

### **Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Status/Expected Date</b>
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



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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.