

## PROGRAM UPDATE



### September 18, 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 more than **\$3 million**.

### ***Meaningful Use Boot Camp – Last One Offered by CORHIO!***

This will be the last Meaningful Use Boot Camp offered by CORHIO, so don't miss out. Attend and learn what has changed and will change in 2014 with Meaningful Use and the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. You will also learn about current HIT initiatives in Colorado.

Attend this Boot Camp to discover how you can be a meaningful user of EHR technology to deliver better care and improved patient outcomes. Registration is required and you can register online at <http://bit.ly/15Lau9z>

The event will take place on Friday, **September 27, 2013** from 10:30am – 4:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn – Tech Center, 7675 East Union Avenue, Denver, CO 80237.

### ***Time is Running Out to Start Your 2013 Meaningful Use Attestation!***

**September 30, 2013** is an important deadline for **Eligible Hospitals (EH)** because it is the end of the Federal fiscal year and the last day for EHR Reporting Periods for 2013. In addition, November 30, 2013 is the last day EHs 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).

**October 3, 2013** is the last day to start your 90-day EHR Reporting Period if you are going to attest to Meaningful Use in 2013 as an **Eligible Professional (EP)**. All EHR Reporting Periods must be a consecutive 90-day period that falls in calendar year 2013. Do not delay – start running all of your Meaningful Use reports now to make sure you are meeting all of the measures and will be eligible to attest in 2013.

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

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### ***Colorado’s Regional Extension Center Program – Are You Eligible?***

Are you still having trouble understanding what you need to do to achieve Meaningful Use? Colorado’s Regional Extension Center was set up as part of a nationwide effort to help primary care providers adopt, implement or upgrade to certified electronic health record systems and become meaningful users to improve patient care. Through a partnership with six health care organizations across the state, the Regional Extension Center and CORHIO are offering free hands-on, in-practice assistance to qualifying primary care providers.

If you would like to find out if you are eligible or if you would like to learn more about the Regional Extension Center, please visit the [website](#). Time is running out! Contact Kelly Meade, Regional Extension Center Director at [kmeade@corhio.org](mailto:kmeade@corhio.org) or call 720.285.3251 to start the participation process.

### ***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 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.