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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 **\$63 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 **\$44 million** and Program Year 2014 payments are right around the corner.

Program Year 2014 – Which Eligible Hospitals Can Attest Today

The 2014 program year for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is open as of July 1, 2014; however, there are some limitations for Eligible Hospitals (EH).

The following EHs can attest right now:

- Medicaid-only EHs attesting to AIU or MU Stage 1
- Dually eligible EHs attesting to the first year of MU

All other EH attestations will not be accepted until later in the fall. An announcement will be sent out as soon as the CO R&A can accept all attestations for 2014.

Also note that changes that may take place due to the Stage 2 Modifications Notice of Proposed Rule Making (see below) are not available in the CO R&A at this time.

Visit CORHIO's Meaningful Use pages for [Eligible Hospitals](#) and [Eligible Professionals](#) for updates to 2014 workbooks and other useful tools.

New Rules for Menu Objective Exclusions in 2014

CMS has changed the rules for taking exclusions to menu objectives for both Stage 1 and Stage 2. Previously, exclusions taken on a menu objective could count toward the required five (three for Stage 2); however, starting in 2014, any exclusions taken will not count toward the required number for your stage.

CMS encourages providers to choose menu objectives that are relevant to their scope of practice and claim an exclusion only in cases where there are no remaining menu objectives for which they qualify or if there are not remaining objectives that are relevant to their scope of practice. For example, if an EP can attest to three menu objectives, the EP

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can take exclusions for the remaining two; however, the CO R&A will require that they take exclusion on the remaining six objectives that make up the total nine for Stage 1 in 2014.

To read the CMS FAQ, click [here](#).

Documents and Tools for Program Year 2014

There have been some changes to the list of required documents for program year 2014, for both AIU and MU attestations. These documents are listed on the [Meaningful Use Attestation Checklist](#) and can be found on the CORHIO [Eligible Professional – Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#) page as well as the [CO R&A Jumpstart](#) page for Eligible Professionals and Group Administrators.

In addition, the 2014 Xerox CO R&A User Guide is available [here](#) and can be accessed through the CO R&A when you log in. Keep in mind that all EPs must attest to reading the User Guide before they complete Step 1 of their AIU or MU attestation.

New Webinar on Attesting to Meaningful Use for Program Year 2014

A new webinar on attesting to Meaningful Use for Program Year 2014 will be available by September 5th. New screen shots illustrating some of the changes to Meaningful Use and the CO R&A will be included. Check CORHIO's [Recorded Events](#) page on September 5th to view.

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	Program Year is now closed
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	Program Year is now closed
First incentive payments issued to EPs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!
First incentive payments issues to EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!
CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014	Fall 2014
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Stage 1 for program year 2014	Now Open!



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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.