

PROGRAM UPDATE



March 13, 2015

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. Payments for Program Year 2013 total more than **\$48 million while Program Year 2014 payments total more than \$7.3 million.**

***Important Date!* - EP Deadline for the 2014 Program Year**

The deadline to submit all 2014 EP Medicaid attestations is fast approaching – **Tuesday, March 31st at 10pm MDT**. The Department recommends that if you haven't started your attestation that you do so immediately in case there are any errors that need to be reported to Xerox.

Any technical errors should be reported immediately to the Xerox Help Desk at 866.879.0109 or SLRHelpDesk@Xerox.com.

Required workbooks, checklists and other helpful information can be found on the [CORHIO Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#) page for EPs.

Switching Programs – Last Date to Switch is March 20, 2015

The EHR Incentive Program allows for all EPs to switch between the Medicare and Medicaid programs once. Program Year 2014 is the last year that EPs may switch from one program to another. The deadline to make the switch in the [CMS Registration & Attestation](#) system is **March 20, 2015**.

Even if you aren't planning on submitting an attestation for program year 2014 but do want to switch to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please change your CMS registration by March 20th. If you do not take this step, you will not be able to attest in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program in 2015 or subsequent years.

Registering for Public Health Stage 2 Meaningful Use

While closing our program year 2014 and preparing for program year 2015, please note the Stage 2 Final Rule requires all EPs to register their intent to attest to one or more of the public health reporting objectives in Stage 2. Even if you are submitting data currently to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Immunization Information System (CIIS), you will need to register your intent for Stage 2.

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CDPHE has published [Meaningful Use Stage 2 Public Health Reporting Guidance](#) that includes a link to the CDPHE Meaningful Use Registration Form. CMS has also published a [Public Health Registry Tipsheet](#) and CORHIO, in collaboration with CDPHE, recorded a [series of webinars](#) on the Stage 2 public health Meaningful Use objectives.

To review all of the Stage 2 Objectives and Measures, [click here](#).

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 2014 Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 for program year 2014	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EPs and EHS to attest to 2013 Stage 1 Objectives for the 2014 Flexibility Rule	January 2015

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.