

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**April 15, 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**.*

### **2015 Program Year Is Not Yet Open**

The CO R&A is not yet open to receive 2015 AIU or MU attestations for EPs or EHs. Please do not attempt to start an attestation in the CO R&A at this time.

CMS published the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017. Comments are due the middle of June and CORHIO will send out an invitation to comment.

In the meantime, until the NPRM becomes final, the CO R&A will not be open for 2015 attestations. As soon as we do know an opening date, we will announce it.

### **Meaningful Use Stage 3 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Released**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, CMS released the highly anticipated [Meaningful Use Stage 3](#) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In addition, the proposed [2015 Edition Health IT](#) Certification Criteria was released with comments due on both documents by May 29, 2015.

The Meaningful Use NPRM contains numerous changes for Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) including moving EHs reporting period to a calendar year as opposed to the federal fiscal year. The NPRM proposed to further align the EHR incentive program Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) reporting with other CMS quality programs for EPs and EHs. Most importantly, starting in 2018, all EPs and EHs will report on Stage 3 objectives and measures regardless to which stage they attested in the previous year.

CORHIO, on behalf of the Department, will be submitting comments to CMS and welcomes all stakeholders in Colorado to contribute. More information will be made toward the end of April, but outreach will include a series of calls in which comments can be collected, a recorded webinar outlining the proposed changes and online surveys.

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There are a couple of options available to you:

1. You can submit your comments via a survey at your own convenience by using the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6JGQ9W5>, or
2. You can participate in one of the three webinars scheduled in early May. For more information on the dates and times, visit [CORHIO's Events](#) page.

### **Reminder – Correcting 2014 Attestations**

Many times, pre-payment reviews will result in the need for more information or a clarification of the information submitted. If a pre-payment review results in a need to make a correction, the attestation will be “pending” and unlocked for the EP to amend and resubmit.

If you’ve been contacted about a pending attestation, please note that these need to be corrected in a timely manner. The Department is asking that all pending attestation be corrected by May 15, 2015. The sooner it is corrected, the sooner the incentive payment can be made.

Make sure that you check your email, as this is the preferred method of contact when an attestation has been pending. The emails will be sent to the contact listed on the attestation and direct communication with the reviewer is best.

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

Event	Status/Expected Date
<b>CO R&amp;A System begins accepting Medicaid &amp; Medicare Meaningful Use attestations</b>	Now Open!
<b>First incentive payments issued to EPs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use</b>	Paid!
<b>First incentive payments issues to EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use</b>	Paid!
<b>CO R&amp;A System opens for EHs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014</b>	Program Year Closed
<b>CO R&amp;A System opens for EPs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 for program year 2014</b>	Program Year Closed
<b>CO R&amp;A System opens for EPs and EHs to attest to 2013 Stage 1 Objectives for the 2014 Flexibility Rule</b>	Program Year Closed



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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, EHRs, 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.