

PROGRAM UPDATE



June 17, 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 **\$12 million**.*

Program Year 2015 – Opening Date and Medicaid Eligibility

Due to the anticipated 2015-2017 Modifications to Meaningful Use final ruling, the start date of the 2015 program year for all Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestations will be delayed. The Department (Colorado Medicaid) has aligned themselves with the Meaningful Use efforts of CMS and placed the Colorado Registration & Attestation (CO R&A) system in an inactive status for program year 2015 at this time.

The Department understands the inconvenience that this places on our Medicaid eligible professionals and eligible hospitals, and we will work to ensure the system is appropriately functioning when the rule is finalized and system updates are made available.

As soon as we know an opening date for the CO R&A to accept 2015 attestations, we will send out a notification.

Don't Forget – Change is Coming in 2015

The comment period is closed for the Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), but it is not too late to become familiar with the proposed changes. The final rule is expected later this summer and may be different than the NPRM in some areas; however, watching the webinar will introduce you to the proposed framework for MU for the next three years.

You can view the webinar or view the slides on [CORHIO's Recorded Events](#) page.

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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!
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	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 for program year 2014	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System opens for EPs and EHs to attest to 2013 Stage 1 Objectives for the 2014 Flexibility Rule	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System open for EPs and EHs to attest to 2015 Meaningful Use	Tentatively Scheduled for January 1, 2016

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.