

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**October 22, 2014**

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 **\$46 million..**

### ***Extended Deadline for Hardship Exception Applications***

Recently, CMS announced that they are reopening the submission period for hardship exception applications for Eligible Professionals (EP) and Eligible Hospitals (EH) to avoid the 2015 Medicare payment adjustments.

The new deadline is November 30, 2014 and more information can be found on the [CMS Payment Adjustments & Hardship Exceptions](#) webpage.

### ***Eligible Hospital Program Year Open Date Delayed***

Due to a delay in the upgrade to the Colorado Registration & Attestation System (CO R&A) making 2014 attestations possible for most of the EHs in Colorado to attest (2014 Stage 1 and Stage 2), the program year 2014 opening date has been moved to **October 31, 2014**. The deadline to submit all attestations for program year 2014 is December 15, 2014.

Please note that the CO R&A is not yet able to accept 2013 Stage 1 MU attestations made possible by the 2014 Flexibility Rule. If you are an EH that will need to attest to the 2013 Stage 1 objectives and measures, please contact Tracy McDonald at [MedicaidEHR@corhio.org](mailto:MedicaidEHR@corhio.org).

### ***Reminder – Resources and Tool Are Available to Aid Your Attestations***

As you prepare to attest in 2014, remember that there are numerous tools and resources available for you. CORHIO's [Meaningful Use](#) webpage will link you to 2014 workbooks for EPs and EHs along with links to CMS resources.

In addition, CORHIO's [Recorded Events](#) webpage includes webinars on attesting to AIU and MU in 2014, 2014 CQM changes, the 2014 Flexibility Rule and public health MU objectives.

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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!
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 2014 Stage 1 for program year 2014	Now Open!

### *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.