

PROGRAM UPDATE



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Preparing for Program Year 2016 Attestation

With the recent completion of Program Year (PY) 2015 attestations, it was discovered that many Eligible Professionals (EPs) shared a number of challenges with their attestations. With this in mind, it is pertinent for EPs to organize and familiarize themselves with requirements for PY 2016 attestation requirements to eliminate these common issues. Below are outlined five ways to assist you in your preparation for the 2016 attestation process.

Five Ways to Prepare for Program Year 2016 Attestation

1. Registration Tips

- Start the process for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program by registering with the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). Please ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date with an active and approved status at the CMS website.
- Passwords expire after 60 days on the CMS website. To retrieve your password or user ID, reference page 9 of [CMS quick reference user guide](#).
- Many EPs have difficulty distinguishing between group and individual payee information. Identify how EPs Medicaid claims are paid and under what payee ID number to avoid delays with incentive payment.
- Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments are considered taxable income. Keep this in mind when assigning payments to EPs or to a practice.
- Items required for registration with CMS:
 - Provider NPI and TIN (Tax Identification Number)
 - Payee NPI and Payee TIN (Medicaid claims are normally paid to group not individual)
 - EHR Certification Number/CHPL website <https://chpl.healthit.gov/#/search>
 - CCN (Hospitals only - CMS Certification Number)

Once registration is complete, you must wait 24 hours to allow CMS to send data to the State. Once that time has elapsed, create an account with the [Colorado Registration and Attestation](#) website (new vendor coming soon, watch for information in upcoming newsletters).

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2. Eligibility Tips

- To qualify for incentive payments, providers must meet a Medicaid patient threshold of 30 percent (20 percent for pediatricians).
- Use any auditable data source for proof of encounters. Keep in mind that dates must be flexible due to the open and close dates of the Colorado Registration and Attestation website.
- EPs cannot perform 90 percent or more of services in an inpatient hospital, place of service code (POS 21) or emergency room setting (POS code 23).
- Participants must have a minimum of 80 percent of patient medical records accessed through EHR system with the exception of Adopt, Implement and Upgrade (AIU) attestation.

3. Documentation Reminders

Collect all necessary documentation including but not limited to:

- EHR contract with current payment statement
- [Workbooks and De-Identified list](#) (De-Identified list and Workbooks are not required); although these documents are not required to upload, keep them in the event of an audit
- [Security Risk Assessment](#) updated with **current program year date**.

4. Building Blocks

Implement a team within the practice to educate staff on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program requirements.

- A current designated program year notebook/binder to keep and reference for new employees and for audit purposes.
- Contact your certified electronic health record system (EHR vendor) to obtain Meaningful Use user guides to help identify and correct any objectives not being met.
- In preparation for PY 2016, track Meaningful Use data from the electronic health record system (contact your EHR vendor for help). To successfully qualify for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, follow your progress for all objectives required for [eligible professionals](#) and eligible [hospitals and CAHs](#) to demonstrate Meaningful Use.

5. Build your Awareness

- Visit the [CORHIO website](#) to educate yourself on the multitude of resources related to the incentive program.
- Subscribe to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program newsletter by emailing your name and organization name to medicaidEHR@corhio.org. This monthly newsletter is the leading resource for up-to-date information on the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

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Programmatic Updates and Reminders

Program Year 2016 is the final year to begin participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Payments for providers who start in 2016 will continue through program year 2021.

For the Calendar Year 2017 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) there are some **proposed rule** changes as follows:

- The Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) has not impacted the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for EPs. Therefore, no changes will be made to the current objectives earlier formed for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. All participating EPs will continue to report on the required objectives for the program.
- MIPS cannot be used to demonstrate Meaningful Use for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and vice versa.
- Dually eligible professionals that participate in the MIPS and Medicaid EHR Incentive programs must report data for the advancing care information performance through the submission methods established for MIPS and independently demonstrate Meaningful Use in their state's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

More information for the proposed rule is posted on the [CMS](#) website.

For questions regarding program requirements, eligibility and Meaningful Use contact:

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Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance (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 Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals, partners and other interested parties on requirements and processes. Inquiries regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program can be sent to MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.

Xerox 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 and eligible hospitals can register and attest to receive the EHR incentive payments.