

## Electronic Health Records Incentives

### **The Idaho Department of Health & Welfare will launch the Idaho Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for Stage 1 Meaningful Use on July 1, 2013.**

Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) can receive an incentive payment for meeting the requirements of Stage 1 Meaningful Use as well as for adopting, implementing, or upgrading a certified EHR technology. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will run through 2021. In order to receive full payment all eligible providers must initiate the application/attestation for an incentive payment from Medicaid by 2016. For more information on who is eligible or how to access the program, please go to the Idaho Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website at [www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov). Providers are encouraged to utilize the resources listed there to determine if they are eligible for an incentive payment and to learn the details of the application/attestation process where appropriate.

EPs and EHs must first register at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Registration and Attestation (R&A) site (<https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>). Providers can register to receive a Medicaid EHR incentive payment from Idaho Medicaid which is the first step in the application/attestation process. Idaho has an interface to this website in place and will receive the registration information from CMS after it is completed. Once registration is received and reviewed by Idaho Medicaid, staff will initiate contact with the registrant via e-mail directing you to proceed to our Idaho Incentive Management System (IIMS) to complete the Idaho application/attestation portion of the process at <https://iims.dhw.idaho.gov/login.aspx>. We encourage you to visit the CMS website at [www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms) to learn how to register with the CMS Registration and Attestation System. There you will find a user's guide on how to complete the CMS registration step. The CMS site also has a wealth of information about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Also, please visit the Idaho Medicaid EHR Program website at [www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov) for additional information about the Idaho Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Check out the "Informational Papers" posted there under "Educational & Training Materials". The presentations on AIU and Stage 1 meaningful use are available on our website. There is an "Ask the Program" feature where you can send an e-mail directly to our EHR Program staff if you have any questions. Also available is an option to subscribe to receive E-Mail Updates notifying you when the website has been updated.

Important steps providers should review in preparation to participate in the Idaho Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:

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etermine if you are eligible for either the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Eligibility guidelines are available on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Eligibility.html>.
- 2) E  
ligible professionals need to decide whether to apply for Medicare or Medicaid incentives. CMS has information and a Decision Tool available on their website to assist eligible providers. Eligible hospitals may qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments.
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ligible hospitals applying for both Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments must be

- enrolled in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). Verify PECOS enrollment information on the CMS website.
- 4) Confirm that you have an active NPI number. Visit the NPPES website for more information. C
- 5) Verify that your EHR technology meets certification requirements. There is a list of EHR systems that meet the requirements on the ONC website at <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>. V

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- 6) The recipient of the EHR Incentive Program payment must be registered as a Vendor with the State of Idaho. If the EP is receiving the payment directly, that EP must be a vendor. If the EP is reassigning the payment to the clinic, the clinic must be a vendor. If you are unsure if you are already a vendor, please call the EHR help desk at (208) 332-7989, or see the guide on how to become a vendor on our Idaho EHR website. T

Questions may be directed to the Idaho EHR Program staff by sending an e-mail to [EHRIncentives@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:EHRIncentives@dhw.idaho.gov) or by phone at (208) 332-7989.