

PROGRAM UPDATE



January 3, 2012

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) continues to work on implementing the Colorado Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, through which eligible health care professionals and hospitals can receive incentive payments for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Medicaid Program Update

The Department has met several milestones integral to the launch of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program in Colorado. These milestones include the approval of the Colorado State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP), the launch of the Colorado Provider Outreach Page, and most recently, Colorado became available in the drop-down menu for registration at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [Registration and Attestation Web Site](#). Given these accomplishments, the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is moving forward to begin accepting attestations in early 2012.

CMS EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation Now Open!

As of January 2, 2012, eligible professionals and hospitals will be able to register at the [CMS EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation Site](#) for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. This means that Colorado providers and hospitals are now able to choose "Colorado" in the drop-down menu of the CMS Registration and Attestation Web Site, and can proceed with national-level registration for the Colorado program. Eligible providers and hospitals can also visit the Colorado Provider Outreach Page at <http://co.ahraincentive.com> to find the link to the CMS Registration and Attestation System WebSite.

Although the Colorado Registration & Attestation System (CO R&A) is not accepting attestations at this time, the Colorado Provider Outreach Page serves as an excellent resource for gathering specific information needed for attestation with the CO R&A. Providers and hospitals are encouraged to walk-through each step of the ["Let's Get Started"](#) checklist to gather all required information needed for attestation and to be ready for when the CO R&A begins accepting attestations.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) specific to the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program can be found on the Colorado Provider Outreach Page. This list of questions and answers will be updated as new questions come in and will be re-posted on the Provider Outreach Page. Providers and hospitals are encouraged to take a look at the Colorado FAQs and contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org with any additional questions.

Additionally, CMS offers providers and hospitals national-level FAQs at their [EHR Incentive Web Site](#). For more general questions on the EHR Incentive Programs, please visit this site.

Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Given recent developments and milestones met, the Department anticipates the following timeline for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:

Event	Expected Date
CMS Registration Opens for Colorado Participants	Jan 2, 2012
Colorado Registration & Attestation System live, Medicaid Provider Registration Begins	Mar/April 2012
First Incentive Payments Issued to Eligible Providers who Successfully Attest to Adopting, Implementing, or Upgrading Certified EHRs	May/June 2012

Please note to be ready for immediate Attestation when the CO R&A opens in early 2012, we are encouraging providers to visit the Colorado [Provider Outreach Page](#) and go step-by-step through the checklists relevant to provider type. By completing the items on this checklist, providers and hospitals will have all the necessary steps complete to attest in a timely and accurate fashion.



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Outreach Events Coming Soon

In partnership with the Department, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) will be offering several outreach events early in 2012 to ensure that providers and hospitals are aware of the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and requirements. Please check email updates for information on outreach events in your area beginning in February.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a specific outreach event in your practice or area, please feel free to contact the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator via email at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or via phone at 720-285-3232.

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO and the Colorado Regional Extension Center (CO-REC) program to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. CO-REC will provide a central point of contact for eligible providers, partners, and other interested parties on requirements, processes, and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Currently more than 2,100 providers are working with CO-REC to achieve meaningful use.

Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program central point of contact:

Betsy Baker, Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator

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Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) has been contracted by the Department to manage the POP and to provide the CO R&A system, including the web portal through which eligible providers will register and attest in order to receive their EHR incentive payments. ACS has already implemented this solution in many other states, including California, Alaska and Texas.