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Program Year 2019 Opening March 23, 2020
The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is pleased to announce that the Colorado Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) will be available and accepting Medicaid Eligible Professional attestations for Program Year (PY) 2019 beginning 8:00 AM Monday, March 23, 2020 and closing 5:00 PM Monday, June 22, 2020.

The Department encourages participants to start preparations to make your attestation as successful as possible. Workbooks, overview sheets, checklists and the EP attestation schedule for PY 2019 are published on the [CORHIO](#) website to assist.

What to Do Now for PY 2019
With PY 2019 opening this Spring, it is important to prepare by gathering, updating and verifying your participant information before attesting. By following the points below, participants can gain a head start on groundwork for PY 2019.

- [Update/Modify CMS registration](#)
- Verify interChange (iC also known as Medicaid enrollment) information
- Verify in-State enrollment
- [Create your delegate](#) (if someone attests on the EP's behalf)
- Obtain user ID and password for the iC
- Gather screenshots for the continuous 90-day period for Meaningful Use (MU) in Calendar Year (CY) 2019
- Collect dashboard reports for the continuous 90-day period for MU in CY 2019
- Gather Public Health Reporting Documents for the continuous 90-day period for MU in CY 2019
- Verify previous program year incentive payments are complete

PY 2018 Post Audits Underway
With Program Year 2018 incentive payments concluded, post-payment audits have begun. Please expect to be reviewed**.** The Department has selected Myers and Stauffer LC (MSLC) as their state-contracted auditors. Every EP who attested will be subject to review. A random selection of EPs will be subject to a post-payment review of supporting documentation, MU and eligibility for PY 2018 attestations.

All documentation used during the attestation process should be retained for a minimum of six years from the date of attestation in preparation for post-payment review. A reminder for future PY attestations, it is much easier to generate patient encounters and screenshots of measures at the time of attestation rather than attempting to retrieve them in the event of an audit.

Participants want to ensure they are compliant when sending Protected health information or sensitive documentation to MSLC in a secure, HIPAA-compliant manner. Please contact MSLC (infosubmit@mslc.com) if you have questions regarding the appropriate transmission of protected health information.

Program Communications
Remember to look for communications from the Department or MSLC in both your spam/clutter folders regularly. If you feel you have missed any communication from the Department or MSLC, please contact the Medicaid Coordinator at medicaidEHR@corhio.org.

2019 Attestation Schedule Link
There are many helpful resources available on the CORHIO website for the Medicaid EHR Incentive program including the Attestation Schedule which is beneficial to participants.

The Attestation Schedule document was developed to help participants optimize their time to prepare for PY 2019. The schedule has information and links to guide participants in updating, gathering and verifying information for the program year. Please reference this document now so that you can be best prepared for a successful PY 2019 attestation.

How to Create an Audit Binder
In the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, pre- and post-payment audits are standard practice and being prepared will help tremendously to get participants through this process. Now is a good time to start gathering information for your audit binder before PY 2019 opens.

The suggestions below will help EPs gather the proper information, all in one place, for future reference in the event of a pre- or post-payment audit.

Some items to retain in your binder that may be requested by the auditors could include, but are not limited to:

- Detailed paper or electronic patient lists that support eligibility (include both the Medicaid encounter volume and total encounter volume for the continuous 90-day eligibility period selected).
- For PY 2019 and going forward, the Department has determined that the Eligibility Workbook and Group Eligibility Workbook will be required for upload into the MAPIR System during attestation. Only use designated PY workbooks.
- The Medicaid Eligibility Verification De-Identified List will be required for EPs or groups.
- EHR-generated MU reports to validate attestation data (numerators, denominators, yes/no measures) for all objectives and Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) for MU Attestations.
- Additional documentation (such as a screenshots) to support the functionalities for any measures which require a "Yes" attestation or exclusion (examples: clinical decision support and Drug/Drug-Drug/allergy).

- Documentation supporting the completion or yearly review of the Security Risk Analysis.

To prepare, participants are encouraged to gather the above information in a binder/notebook for easy access in the event of an audit. Please note these suggestions will not prevent an audit nor will it cover all information needed for pre- and post-payment audits.

It is best practice to expect an audit. All participants are responsible for maintaining all documents.

Please refer to the CMS website for more information on audits.

For questions regarding program requirements, eligibility and Meaningful Use, contact:
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Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships
The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 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 is the central point of contact for EPs, EHs, partners and other interested parties regarding requirements and processes. Inquiries concerning the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program can be sent to MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or by calling (720) 285-3232.