

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Colorado Proven in Promoting Interoperability

Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants are now attesting to their final program year and achieving many milestones in promoting interoperability! Although the Medicaid EHR incentive Program is sunsetting (closing) after the Program Year (PY) 2021 deadline of August 9, 2021, the program has been a huge success in improving patient care.

The information below highlights the program's history and celebrates Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) on their incredible journey to becoming meaningful users

Program History

Beginning in 2011, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in conjunction with the various states began the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program to encourage Medicaid EPs, Medicaid EHs and Medicaid CAHs to adopt, implement, upgrade (AIU) and demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology (CEHRT).

In 2018, CMS renamed the program to Promoting Interoperability Program (Colorado made the decision to keep the name Medicaid EHR Incentive Program). The adoption and utilization of CEHRT by EPs, EHs and CAHs who successfully adopted, implemented or upgraded their CEHRT in the first program year received an incentive payment and continued to receive incentive payments for demonstrating meaningful use in subsequent program years.

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program aided EPs, EHs and CAHs to utilize their CEHRT and in doing so, promote interoperability and provide quality care for the states most vulnerable patient populations. Participants benefited from the program through increased communication, cost cutting, improved care coordination, patient engagement, data sharing to reduce redundancies and much more.

Historically, the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program consisted of three stages:

- Stage 1-Data capture and sharing.
- Stage 2- Advanced clinical processes.
- Stage 3- Improved outcomes.

Total Program Payments

The last year to begin participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program was PY 2016. EPs received Medicaid EHR incentive payments for up to six years with 2021 being the final year for incentive payments (please see CMS tables below). Colorado Medicaid EHs and CAHs received incentive payments for up to three years.

Program Year 2021 Update

Congratulations to over 90 participants who successfully attested to Program Year 2021— please keep them coming! The Department has paid over \$500,000 of incentive payments to participants submitting attestations for PY 2021.

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The below table illustrates the maximum Medicaid EHR incentive payments an EP can receive by year and the total incentive payments possible if an EP successfully qualifies for an incentive payment each year.

Table: Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments by Calendar Year

Year	Medicaid EPs Who Adopted In					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2011	\$21,250					
2012	\$8,500	\$21,250				
2013	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250			
2014	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250		
2015	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250	
2016	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250
2017		\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2018			\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2019				\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2020					\$8,500	\$8,500
2021						\$8,500
Total	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750

Note: The total for pediatricians who meet the 20 percent patient volume but fall short of the 30 percent patient volume is \$14,167 in the first year and \$5,667 in subsequent years. This adds up to a maximum Medicaid EHR incentive payment of \$42,500 over a six-year period.

Hospital Program Success

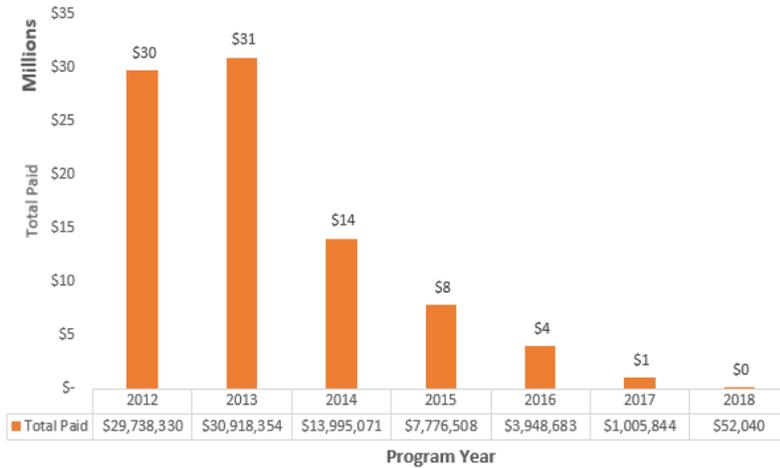
All Colorado Eligible Hospitals (EH) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) completed the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program two years early. 117 EHs and CAHs successfully attested over the life of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has paid over \$87 million dollars to EHs and CAHs for incentive payments.

In the first program year, 105 EHs and CAHs attested and received over \$29 million dollars in incentive payments. By the third program year, most EHs and CAHs had completed the program. All participating Medicaid EHs and Medicaid CAHs were incredibly eager to begin the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and deserve a round of applause for completing the program early.

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'EHs and CAHs Through The Life of The Program'



Eligible Provider Success

Colorado had 4,000 Medicaid eligible professionals adopt, implement or upgrade (AIU) and received incentive payments over \$103 million dollars in the first five years of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

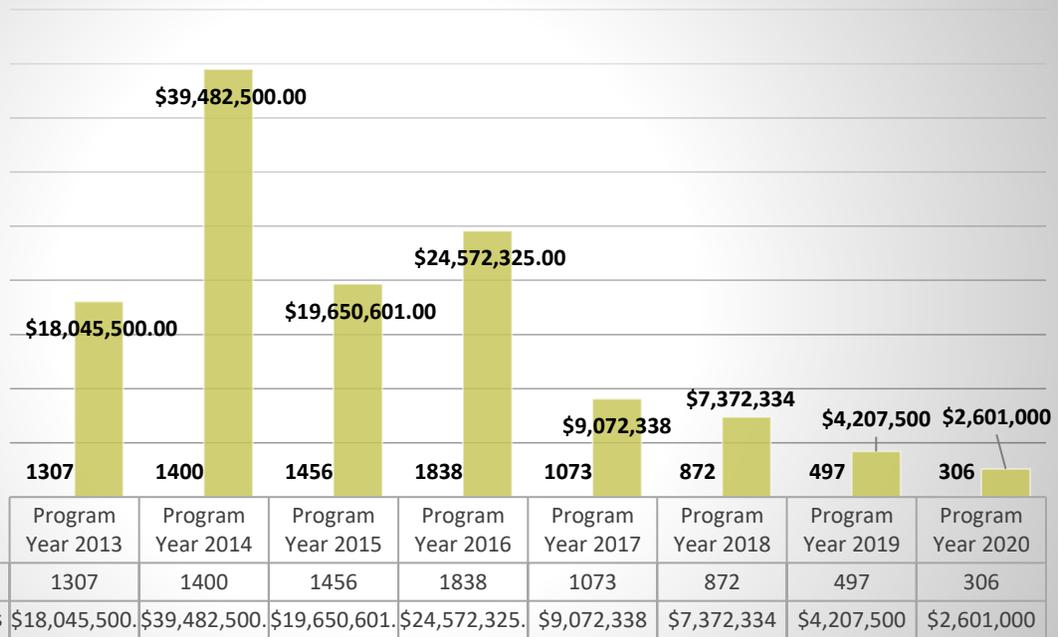
In the first six years of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, Colorado experienced over 5,000 EPs successfully meet meaningful use (MU). With PY 2016 being the most engaging year having over 700 AIU attestations and more than 1,000 MU attestations—making the 2016 program year the most profitable year for Colorado’s providers.

The graph below shows how many providers attested throughout the program and the incentive dollars received. The final PY is now underway bringing a strong close to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and appreciation for the EPs hard work in achieving MU and promoting interoperability.

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EPs and Incentive Payments



■ Number of EPs attested	1307	1400	1456	1838	1073	872	497	306
■ Incentive Payment Dollars	\$18,045,500.00	\$39,482,500.00	\$19,650,601.00	\$24,572,325.00	\$9,072,338	\$7,372,334	\$4,207,500	\$2,601,000

■ Number of EPs attested ■ Incentive Payment Dollars

Attestation Deadline

This is the final year of the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive/Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program. The deadline to attest for Program Year (PY) 2021 is 11:59 p.m. on August 9, 2021. Participants have a chance to maximize their payout potential by attesting to the final PY 2021 and receive up to \$8,500. The Department wants all eligible providers to attest to PY 2021 successfully and meet Meaningful Use (MU) requirements to receive the last incentive payment for this final year. Please reach out to medicaidehr@corhio.org if you have questions about or require assistance with your attestation.

Program Resources

PY 2021 on-demand webinars are available on the [CORHIO website](#) to provide information about and assistance with your attestation. Please watch the webinar "[Security Risk Analysis and Sunsetting Information](#)" specifically to help prepare for Objective 1 and the closing of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Abundant resources for participants preparing or attesting to PY 2021 are posted on the CORHIO website including workbooks and tip sheets.



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

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator

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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.