



COLORADO MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATE



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Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Sunsetting

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is sunsetting (closing) and we want to educate providers on what this means for them. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program provides financial incentives to previously eligible participants that demonstrate Meaningful Use (MU) of Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT). The program will close after the final two program years (PYs) are attested to in Calendar Year (CY) 2021. Participants have a chance to maximize their payout potential by attesting to both PY 2020 and PY 2021.

Although the thought of two attestations in one year can be daunting, participants who attest to both program years will potentially receive \$17,000 - \$8,500 per Program Year. As a reminder to participants, the below timeline for both PYs is listed below.

Timeline

- Program Year 2020 opened January 15, 2021 and closes April 13, 2021.
- Program Year 2021 opens May 10, 2021 and closes August 9, 2021.

All participants planning to attest for Program Year 2021 should be in the process of gathering all necessary information to submit a successful attestation. To help participants navigate this process, please see the below tips on how to prepare for PY 2021.

Program Year 2020 Update

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is excited to report that over 430 participants have successfully attested early for Program Year 2020. Congratulations to the 152 participants who have completed six years in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program!

The program will remain open until April 13, 2021 and participants are encouraged to begin attesting or complete unfinished attestations.

Preparing for PY 2021

As the opening of PY 2021 approaches, the Department would like to remind all Eligible Professionals (EPs) that they are required to attest to Stage 3 of Meaningful Use for PY 2021.

Although there were no changes from PY 2020 to PY 2021, it is important to review the [specification sheets](#). These sheets will help participants gain a full understanding of the Stage 3 requirements for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Below are additional requirements to keep in mind for your attestation:

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- All EPs must have 2015 Edition Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) implemented.
- Reporting period must be a continuous 90-day period in calendar year 2021.
- Eight objectives and their related measures must be met.
- EPs must report on minimum required number and type of electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs).
 - EPs are required to report on any six eCQMs related to their scope of practice. In addition, Medicaid EPs are required to report on at least one outcome measure.
 - If no outcome measures are relevant to that EP, they must report on at least one other high priority measure. If there are no outcome or high priority measures relevant to an EP's scope of practice, they must report on any six relevant measures.

In addition to meeting the MU requirements listed above, the EP must meet all eligibility requirements of the program. To learn about those eligibility requirements please follow this link to [CORHIO website](#).

- EPs must maintain at least 80% of all unique patients' data in CEHRT.
- EPs must perform at least 50% of all encounters at locations with CEHRT.
- EPs who practice in multiple locations must have 50% or more of their patient encounters during the reporting period at a location(s) equipped with CEHRT.
- Documentation must be uploaded with submitted attestations for documentation requirements follow this link to the [Attestation Checklist](#) for PY 2021.
- Look for communications from Auditors, CORHIO and the Department regarding submitted attestations.
- Maintain all documents utilized for attestations for Audit purposes for seven years.

New Resources Available for PY 2021

Now available on the CORHIO website are the Program Year 2021 Attestation Check List, Stage 3 overview sheet, PY 2021 workbooks and tip sheets. Keep in mind, required documents change for each program year and past workbooks are not applicable for future program years. All resource documents may change at the Department's request.

Program Year 2021 webinars will be published to CORHIO website soon. Please watch for email communications and up and coming newsletters for on-demand webinars. With new screen changes for attestations for PY 2021, it is important to keep up to date on information and be prepared.

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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.