

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**May 18, 2020**

### **Program Year 2019 Progress**

Program Year (PY) 2019 has over 420 successful attestations that The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) would like to celebrate! So far, 128 successful participants have received their incentive payments totaling \$1,073,833.

The program will remain open until June 22, 2020 and participants are encouraged to begin attesting or complete unfinished attestations. The Department understands incentive program practices may be busier than normal at this time due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and we recommend notifying the Department by email with your concerns and impacted providers no later than June 12, 2020.

If you have concerns or questions, please email the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at [MedicaidEHR@corhio.org](mailto:MedicaidEHR@corhio.org).

### **COVID-19 Information from the Department**

Information regarding COVID-19 is rapidly changing and it is important to stay informed. Please follow this [link](#) to access the COVID-19 Information for Health First Colorado and CHP+ Providers and Case Managers website.

### **Tips for Successfully Attesting in 2019**

Many participants are successfully attesting to PY 2019 and for those who still have not, the Department would like to offer the tips below to ensure a smooth and successful attestation.

- **Keep Contact Information Current**

Listing the correct contact information is imperative to completing any attestation. Many participants may not realize their contact information is outdated before submitting their attestation. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), where participants register, must have updated contact information including unique email address, name and phone number.

The MAPIR system sends communication based on what is entered into the CMS website along with any alternate contacts listed. To learn how to update contact information please review the [How to Register with CMS for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#) webinar.

Remember to look for communications from the Department or Myers and Stauffer LC (MSLC), the state appointed auditor, in both your spam/clutter folders regularly. If you feel you have missed any communication from the Department or MSLC, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at [medicaidEHR@corhio.org](mailto:medicaidEHR@corhio.org).

- **Uploading Documentation**

The title of the document or file name uploaded with an attestation can cause an error in the MAPIR system. The uploads for documentation purposes follow these guidelines:

- The only allowable special characters are alphanumeric with underscores, dashes and spaces.
- A single period may precede the file name extension with no more than one period permitted.

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- **Expirations**

The MAPIR system is designed to error when certain requirements are not met, including expiration dates of licenses, contracts or enrollments. Be sure to check that all information is accurate and valid in the MAPIR system, Interchange (Medicaid claims) and CMS before attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

### **Preparing for Future Program Years**

If you're already thinking about future program years, the Department is here to help. Here is a quick overview of requirements and tips for PY 2020 and need to know for PY 2021.

#### *PY 2020*

Participants will attest to the following sets of measures:

1. Objectives and Measures

Participants will report on stage 3 measures for any consecutive 90 days in calendar year 2020.

2. Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)

Participants will report on these measures for any consecutive 90 days in calendar year 2020. The eCQM reporting period is a minimum and participants are encouraged to report on a longer period if possible.

Participants are required to report on any six eCQMs related to their scope of practice. At least one measure reported must be an outcome measure, if any are relevant. If no outcome measures are relevant, at least one measure must be a high-priority measure. If there are no outcome or high priority measures relevant to the scope of practice, they must report on any six relevant measures.

All participants should review their Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) to verify which eCQMs are available in their system.

The list of available eCQMs for participants in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has aligned with the list of eCQMs for Eligible Clinicians participating in the Medicare Quality Payment Program (MIPS). To review the list of eCQMs please follow this [link](#).

#### *PY 2021 Need to Know*

The Meaningful Use reporting period and eCQM reporting periods for PY 2021 will be a minimum of any continuous 90-day period within the 2021 Calendar Year (CY). Because all Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments are legislatively mandated to occur by December 31, 2021, the end date for reporting periods in calendar year 2021 **must** fall before October 31, 2021. Participants will need to adjust their reporting period accordingly.

Participants may conduct a security risk analysis (SRA) at any time during CY 2021, even if conducted after submitting the attestation. Any participant who has not completed an SRA for CY 2021 by the time they attest to PY 2021 will be required to attest to a completed SRA by December 31, 2021. This allows for maximum flexibility for participants to attest and meet the SRA requirements for PY 2021. Remember, all Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments must be issued by December 31, 2021.



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### Resources for Attesting

Many resources for participants are available on the [CORHIO](http://CORHIO) website to help with PY 2019 attestations. Participants can find required PY 2019 workbooks and on-demand webinars. The webinars include information on eligibility and reporting periods, updating the CMS registration, enhancements to MAPIR, and suggested documents to support an attestation. Make sure to watch these short, informative webinars to prepare for PY 2019 attestation!

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

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator

Kelly Hernandez, (720) 285-3232, [MedicaidEHR@corhio.org](mailto:MedicaidEHR@corhio.org)

### 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](mailto:MedicaidEHR@corhio.org) or by calling (720) 285-3232.