

PROGRAM UPDATE



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With Program Year (PY) 2015 behind, many questions have focused on future requirements for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. PY 2016 will be the last year to begin participation and many returning participants will be preparing for future stages of meaningful use (MU).

Contained in this newsletter is information to help you determine what stage of meaningful use you are in, an overview of modified stage 2 and 3 along with helpful information about the upcoming program year.

Which Stage of Meaningful Use Am I In?

With all the changes to MU it can be challenging to determine what stage you are supposed to be in, what version of a certified EHR you need to be using and what, if any, exclusions are available for program year 2017. The table below will help you determine which stage of MU you are in.

Stages of Meaningful Use (MU)					
First Year of MU	PY 2015	PY 2016	PY 2017	PY 2018	PY 2019 and beyond
2011	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2012	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2013	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2014	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2015	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2016	N/A	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2017	N/A	N/A	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stage 3*	Stage 3*
2019 and beyond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stage 3*

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Creating Confusion–Vendor Reports

Reports from your Electronic Health Record (EHR) are not always up-to-date with the present requirements of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to attest to Meaningful Use. Please reference the documents mentioned below to help determine your eligibility.

Keep in mind there are changes for Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) for specific objectives in 2017 with options for exclusions. In 2017, for all new and returning participants, the EHR reporting period is any continuous 90-days between January 1 and December 31, 2017. Linked here are the overview sheets for Modified stage 2 for [EPs 2016-2017](#) and [EHs 2016](#) and [2017](#).

In 2017, all providers must attest to objectives and measures using Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) certified to the 2014 Edition. If available, providers may attest using CEHRT certified to the 2015 Edition, or a combination of the two.

Also, EPs and EHs should be aware of the following objective changes for 2017.

Objective Changes for EPs in 2017

- Objective 8, Measure 2, Patient Electronic Access: For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or his or her authorized representatives) view, download or transmit to a third party their health information during the EHR reporting period.
- Objective 9, Secure Messaging (EPs only): For an EHR reporting period in 2017, for more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative) during the EHR reporting period.

Objective Changes for Eligible Hospitals in 2017

- Objective 8, Measure 2, Patient Electronic Access: For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients discharged from the inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) of an eligible hospital or CAH (or patient authorized representative) view, download or transmit to a third party their health information during the EHR reporting period.

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Overview sheets for Stage 3 [EPs](#) and [EHs](#)

In 2017, Stage 3 reporting will be optional, but in 2018, regardless of previous participation, all providers will attest to the requirements for stage 3.

- Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals will have 8 objectives and no alternate exclusions available unlike prior program years.
- All providers will be required to use a full calendar year reporting period.
- A provider must attest to stage 3 requirements with 2015 Edition CEHRT. A provider who has technology certified to a mixture of the 2015 Edition and 2014 Edition may possibly attest to the Stage 3 requirements, if the mixture of CEHRT would not prohibit them from meeting the Stage 3 measures.

Verify Your Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) Number

Certification numbers can change periodically, so it is critical to verify these numbers prior to attesting to MU each program year. Many attestations are stalled because the CEHRT number provided during attestation does not match the current certification number by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). To find the certification number for the version of your EHR please visit the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) on the [ONC website](#).

Registry Database Now Available

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare has created a [centralized repository](#) to supply information to EPs, EHs, and CAHs looking for public health, clinical data or specialized registry electronic reporting options. This means providers can use the repository as a source to search for registries to submit data in order to meet the measures required for EPs and EHs. Please note the centralized repository will not include all available registries.

Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

CO R&A System open for EPs to attest to 2016 Meaningful Use	TBD*
CO R&A System open for EHs and CAHs to attest to 2016 Meaningful Use	TBD*

*Please remember to register for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program at CMS. The state will continue to give more information regarding the opening of PY 2016 as it becomes available.



COLORADO MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Colorado to Launch a New Registration and Attestation System for PY 2016

Colorado will be launching a new Registration and Attestation system for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for PY 2016 and beyond. If a provider tries to create a new account at the current site, they will see a pop-up informing them PY 2016 is not available at this time. If a provider has an existing account, they will then be able to view past program years and other previously submitted information.

Please do not log on and attempt to enter data or make any changes as this *will not* transfer to the new system. Please stay tuned to this newsletter for the most up-to-date information on the new site including the opening and closing dates for submitting for PY 2016 attestations.

Do you know someone that would benefit from receiving this newsletter, send them this link <http://www2.corhio.org/emailPreference/e/5402/307>.

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The Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance (the Department) 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 will be the central point of contact for EPs, EOs, partners and other interested parties on requirements and processes. Inquiries regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program can be sent to MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.