

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**November 23, 2020**

### How to Prepare for Program Years Within the Same Calendar Year

Now that The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has announced the dates for opening and closing for Program Years (PYs) 2020 and 2021, it is time to begin taking steps towards a successful attestation.

The focus for participants preparing for the next two consecutive program years, 2020 and 2021, should be on eligibility requirements. Because the upcoming program year opening dates will be consecutive, the potential for overlap in eligibility dates is greater. When choosing eligibility date requirements there are two options, prior calendar year to payment year or 12 months preceding attestation date. The potential for overlapping dates is only a possibility when selecting the option 12 months preceding attestation date because both program years occur within the same calendar year.

Outlined below are requirements and dates to focus on to avoid overlap.

### Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Professionals must have a continuous 90 day period with a minimum of 30% Medicaid patient volume (20% for Pediatricians) or practice predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center and have a minimum of 30% patient volume attributed to needy individuals.

Participants have two options available for picking eligibility dates for PY 2020 and PY 2021. When picking eligibility dates, remember to keep future program years in mind.

### Program Years 2020 and 2021 Opening Dates

Timeline – Colorado Medicaid  
EHR Incentive Program

- Program Year 2020 opens January 15, 2021 and closes April 13, 2021
- Program Year 2021 opens May 10, 2021 and closes August 8, 2021

\*Please remember to update your registration for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program at [The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#).

Program Year	Possible Date Spans	Requirement	Date Options	Program Dates
<b>Option :Prior Calendar Year to Payment Year</b>				
PY 2020	January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019	Any continuous 90-day period after prior attestation dates	Best Dates to Use	
PY 2021	January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	Any continuous 90-day period after prior attestation dates	Best Dates to Use	
<b>Option: 12 months Preceding Attestation Date</b>				
PY 2020	Choose submission date of attestation and count back 12 months	Any continuous 90-day period after prior attestation dates	Contingent on Attestation Submission Date	Program opens January 15, 2021 and closes April 13, 2021
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### **Final Payments for PY 2019**

Congratulations to the 42 participants who completed the final payment year 6 in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program! Overall, 498 participants have successfully attested to Program Year (PY) 2019. The Department has paid over \$4,200,500 in incentive payments.

### **Current Resources for Attesting**

Now available on the CORHIO website are the Program Year 2020 check list, Stage 3 overview sheet, workbooks and tip sheets to help participants prepare for attestations. Keep in mind past PY workbooks are not applicable to current PYs and resource documents may change at the Department's request.

Makes sure to stay informed by signing up for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program newsletter. The newsletter is the number one source for programmatic changes, announcements for program opening and closing dates, Department communications and educational tools for participants. Signing up for the newsletter keeps participants informed when new resources become available for PY 2020, such as webinars.

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