

PROGRAM UPDATE

September 24, 2020

Program Years 2020 and 2021 Opening Dates Announced

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) would like to announce a change to the opening dates for Program Years (PY) 2020 and PY 2021. Previously, it was announced that the opening date for PY 2020 was January 4, 2021. The new opening date is January 15, 2021. It was also announced that PY 2021 would open March 18, 2021. That date has now changed to May 10, 2021. The Department is confident these changes will provide more time for participants to prepare.

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).

Requirements for Program Year 2020

To help participants prepare to attest to the upcoming program year, requirements are listed below for your convenience.

All Eligible Professionals (EPs) are required to attest to Stage 3 of Meaningful Use (MU) for PY 2020. Participants should have a full understanding of the Stage 3 requirements for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Although there were minimal changes from PY 2019 to PY 2020, it is important to recognize the differences and use only the [PY 2020 specification sheets](#).

- 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 2020.
- Eight objectives and their related measures must be met.
 - Five objectives are percentage-based measures
 - Three objectives are yes/no measures
 - If exclusions are selected, must meet exclusion criteria
- 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](#).
- Must maintain at least 80% of all unique patients' data in CEHRT.
- Must perform at least 50% of all encounters at locations with CEHRT.
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- 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 PY2020.

Resources

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program newsletter continues to be a valuable resource for informing participants on program updates and tips for success. Look for workbooks, webinars and tip sheets coming soon to the CORHIO website for PY 2020. The newsletter is sent every month through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program coordinator. If you know someone who would benefit from this newsletter, or if you would like to sign up to receive it, email your name and organization name to MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or call (720) 285-3232.

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.