



COLORADO MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATE



September 30, 2021

Program Year 2021 Accomplishments and SRA Requirements

Congratulations to the 300 participants that attested to Program Year (PY) 2021! The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has paid \$2,527,330.00 in incentive payments to participants who successfully submitted attestations for PY 2021. The Department would like to share its pride in the 127 participants that completed all six years in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

All pre-audits have been completed for PY 2021 and efforts have been shifted to making sure all participants have a completed Security Risk Analysis (SRA). All PY 2021 participants received their incentive payment but 278 have not completed and uploaded their SRA. These 278 participants will need to complete their SRA on or before December 31, 2021 in order to keep their incentive payment. The below SRA requirements outline participants next steps.

Objective 1, Protect Patient Electronic Health Information, to allow participants to submit an attestation prior to conducting their annual Security Risk Analysis. To qualify for an incentive payment, an SRA must be conducted during Calendar Year (CY) 2021 and provide the required documentation—even if it is completed after the participant attests to the state.

Any participant who has not completed an SRA by the time they attest will be required to attest to completing one by December 31, 2021 and are required to update their attestation with the SRA supporting documentation by December 31, 2021.

If a participant chooses to attest prior to conducting a security risk analysis/assessment:

- Participants will be required to confirm that you will complete the SRA by December 31, 2021.
- Participant’s incentive payment will be recouped if they have not updated the attestation with the SRA documentation uploaded and completed.
- To receive a 2021 incentive payment, participants can return to the MAPIR system (also known as the CO R&A) and upload after submission to the system on or before December 31, 2021.

Please watch the new webinar [Security Risk Analysis and Sunsetting](#) Information to help prepare for Objective 1 and the closing of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Audit Reminders

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has concluded its final program year. All pre-payment audits have been completed for PY 2021—proving to be very successful for all participating Eligible Professionals (EPs). The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing appointed accountants, Myers and Stauffer LC, (MSLC) will now shift their focus on making sure all final program year attestations have a completed SRA uploaded to the MAPIR system (also known as the CO R&A) on or before December 31, 2021.



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Post-Payment Audits

As a reminder, the Department has postponed PY 2019, PY 2020 and PY 2021 post-payment audits until state fiscal year 2022.

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program newsletter will announce when post-payment audits will begin.

The Department, CORHIO or MSLC may send communications to participants during the audit process, and it is recommended to keep a watchful eye on your email inbox, clutter or junk folders and respond in a timely manner. All participants are expected to retain documentation used during the attestation process for all program years for a minimum of seven years from the date of attestation in preparation for post-payment review. Being prepared will help tremendously in getting through the audit process.

All participants have a higher pass rate in post-audit when communications are responded to in a timely manner and do not be afraid to ask questions. The state appointed accountants MSLC are in constant communication with the Department and can help resolve issues or any questions you may have regarding any documentation needed, regulation clarifications and the audit process. For more information about post-payment audits visit the [Tips for Eligible Professionals Selected for a Post-payment Review](#) sheet.

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.