

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the S.C. Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a provider must be actively licensed as one of the following provider types:

- Physician (MD, DO, Optometrist)
- Dentist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Physician Assistant (practicing in a FQHC or RHC that is led by a physician assistant)
- Acute Care Hospital or Children's Hospital

Additionally, for each participation year, the provider must meet a 30% Medicaid patient volume threshold or, where the EP practices predominantly in a FQHC or RHC, at least 30% patient volume attributable to Needy Individuals.

Note: Pediatricians may qualify with a minimum of 20% Medicaid patient volume, but will receive a reduced incentive.

An EH must have at least 10% patient volume attributable to those who are receiving Medicaid. A Children's Hospital does not have a requirement for minimum Medicaid patient volume.

Medicare Payment Adjustments

Congress mandated payment adjustments be applied to certain EPs who are not meaningful users of CEHRT. For more information, please visit the the CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website and select the left navigation link "Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information."

Deadlines

Program Year 2016 is the last year that eligible providers may begin participation!

Program Year 2015

Attestation Deadlines for EP:

- AIU: 2/29/16
- MU: 7/29/16

Attestation Deadlines for EH:

- Dually-eligible EH: AIU: 12/31/15
- Dually-eligible EH: MU: 03/31/16
- Medicaid-only EH: MU: 06/30/16

Resources

- CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website: cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms
- CMS EHR Information Center: (888) 734-6433
- S.C. Medicaid EHR Incentive Program: www.scdhhs.gov/hit
- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHSONC/subscriber/new>



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South Carolina Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program



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Administered by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), the South Carolina Medicaid EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments to eligible providers (Eligible Professionals (EP) and Eligible Hospitals (EH)) as they adopt, implement or upgrade to certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (CEHRT) and demonstrate meaningful use of CEHRT.

Registration for the Program

Providers wishing to participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program must first successfully register with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Registration and Attestation System. During registration, the provider will indicate their choice of program (Medicare or Medicaid – and if Medicaid, the state of choice). Dually eligible EHs should select the option of “Both Medicare and Medicaid” when registering.

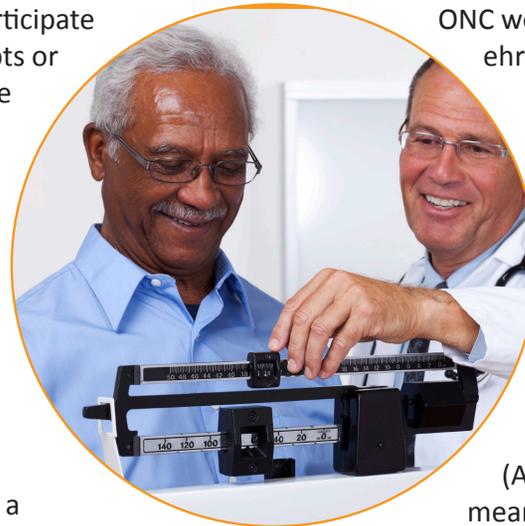
In order for an individual to register and/or attest on behalf of a provider, the provider must take steps to complete information in the CMS Identity and Access (I&A) management system to designate that individual as the provider’s authorized representative for registration and attestation activities. Please see the CMS website for more information.

Once the registration is completed at CMS, CMS transmits basic registration data to the provider-designated state Medicaid program. The state then verifies the provider’s eligibility to participate in the program, and accepts or declines it. If accepted, the provider will be able to proceed with attestation in the S.C. Medicaid State Level Repository (SLR), scdhhs.gov/slr.

What is CEHRT?

In order to capture and share patient data efficiently, providers need an EHR that stores data in a structured format. Structured data allows patient information to be easily retrieved and transferred, and it allows the provider to use the EHR in ways that can aid patient care. CMS and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) have established standards and other criteria for structured data that EHRs must use in order to qualify for this incentive program.

Certified EHR technology (CEHRT) gives assurance to purchasers and other users that an EHR system or module offers the necessary technological capability, functionality and security to help them meet meaningful use criteria. Certification also helps providers and patients be confident that the electronic health IT products and systems they use are secure, maintain data confidentially and work with other systems to share information.



To learn which EHR systems and modules are certified for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, please visit the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) on the ONC website, <http://oncchpl.force.com/ehrcert>.

Adopt, Implement or Upgrade and Meaningful Use

Eligible providers may receive their first program year’s incentives by meeting program eligibility requirements and adopting, implementing or upgrading (AIU) to CEHRT, or demonstrating meaningful use (MU) of CEHRT by successfully meeting and reporting MU measures for MU objectives and clinical quality measures (CQM). Subsequent program years require the provider to demonstrate MU of CEHRT.

Incentives

An EP’s first payment year’s incentives are \$21,250 (\$14,167 for a pediatrician with reduced Medicaid patient volume). Remaining payment years’ incentives for an EP are \$8,500 per year (\$5,667 for a pediatrician with reduced Medicaid volume). An EP may receive up to \$63,750 over six years.

An EH’s incentives are calculated as an aggregate incentive amount, 50% of which is disbursed in the EH’s first program year. The remaining aggregate incentive amount is disbursed at 40% in the EH’s second payment year, and 10% in the third payment year.