



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH & WELFARE**

# **Overview of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program**

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# Agenda for Today's Meeting

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- Overview of the incentive program
- Who is eligible?
- What is the application process?
- How much will the payments be?
- What is Idaho Medicaid's timeline/key dates?
- What you can I do now to get ready?
- Helpful resources

# What is the EHR Incentive Program?

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- ARRA signed in 2009, included HITECH Act
- Incentive programs for Medicare and Medicaid providers to adopt, implement, or upgrade to certified EHR technology and move to meaningful
- Medicare incentive program run by CMS, Medicaid program run by the states
- 100% of the incentive payment from federal government, program administration is 90/10 match

# Who Can Participate?

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To determine year 1 eligibility for participation Medicaid will be verifying information in three general categories:

1. Are you the right provider type?
2. Do you meet the patient volume threshold?
3. Do you have a certified EHR?

# What are the Eligible Provider Types?

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Eligible Professional (EPs) are:

- Doctor
- Nurse practitioner
- Certified nurse mid-wife
- Dentist
- Physician Assistants (PA) working in a PA-led FQHC or RHC

Eligible Hospitals (EHs) are:

- Acute Care Hospitals including Critical Access Hospitals
- Children's Hospitals
- Stand-alone Cancer Hospitals

# What are the Patient Volume Thresholds?

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## EPs must have 30% Medicaid volume

- Pediatricians can meet volume requirements at 20% (Resulting in a 2/3rds payment)
- EPs that practice predominantly in an FQHC/RHC and have 30% of their patient volume attributable to needy individuals.

## Eligible hospitals must have 10% Medicaid

\*Patient volume based on a representative, consecutive 90 day period within the previous year, CY for EPs and Hospital FY for hospitals

# A Note about Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

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- Patient volume is based on Medicaid encounters
- Encounters with Medicaid participants funded by Title 21, often referred to as CHIP, **DO NOT** count unless you are at an FQHC or RHC
- To address this a 7% average will be used for EPs, and Medicaid will calculate the actual CHIP rate for hospitals
- Average should not hurt your eligibility
- See the informational paper on the website for detail

# How Much are the Payments?

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- For hospitals, the amount is unique and based on a formula, dispersed over three years at 50%, 40%, and 10%
- For EPs maximum of \$63,750 over 6 years, the adoption, implementation, or upgrade (AIU) payment is \$21,250, each payment after that is for meaningful use at \$8,500/year, payments are the same regardless of start year

Every provider must reapply each year to get a payment

# Summary of the Application Process

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1. Provider registers at CMS 'R and A' System
2. Medicaid receives notification of registration
3. Medicaid completes preliminary verification
4. Medicaid notifies the provider that it is time to attest
5. Provider completes the application/attestation
6. Medicaid completes eligibility determination
7. Medicaid notifies CMS and approves for payment

# Extra Steps Hospitals

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1. Once you register you will receive an email from Idaho Medicaid asking you to:
  - Identify start date from the previous Hospital FY for the 90 day patient volume period
  - Identify total discharges for the same 90 day period
  - Tell us what your charity care is and send us the supporting documentation
2. Once this information is received, Medicaid will complete a payment calculation worksheet and run a report to identify your CHIP discharge numbers.
3. This will be sent to you for review along with the link to the Idaho Incentive Management System

# Idaho and Payment

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- Providers may re-assign their payment to the clinic or organization
- Because the current system is not being used to make incentive payments, the recipient of the incentive payment must be a vendor with the state

# Be Sure You are A Vendor

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If you are unsure if you are currently a vendor, call the Idaho Medicaid helpdesk at (208) 332-7989

If you are not a vendor, visit [www.MediciadEHR.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.MediciadEHR.dhw.idaho.gov) to learn how to become a vendor (may take up to two weeks)

# Idaho Medicaid Timeline

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- Idaho Incentive Management System (IIMS) is currently being tested
- Testing should be completed in May, piloting with a few providers the end of May
- Hospital payment calculations currently in process for dual eligible registered hospitals
- Provider trainings will continue through the end of May
- Go live TBD based on testing and system changes needed

# Meaningful Use: Summer 2013

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- Idaho will be positioned to receive MU data one year after we launch the program, summer 2013
- Hospitals that have received payment from Medicare as a meaningful user will be deemed a meaningful user for Medicaid and will not have to resubmit AIU or meaningful use information

# What Can You Do Now?

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- Identify a subject matter expert now
- Get your CMS EHR certification # now
- Decide your patient volume approach (individual vs. proxy) identify your 90 period, calculate the patient volume, EPs can complete a patient volume data report (see informational papers)
- Get the AIU documentation gathered and ready
- If you are an RHC or FQHC, complete and submit a provider roster form to Medicaid (see papers)

# What Can All Providers Do Now?

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- Learn about certified EHR systems and other programs under the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT, which are designed to support providers as they transition to EHRs at [www.healthit.hhs.gov](http://www.healthit.hhs.gov). The ONC's CHPL provides a comprehensive listing of complete EHRs that have been tested and certified. Only the product versions that are included on the CHPL at [www.onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert](http://www.onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert) are certified under the ONC Temporary Certification Program.

# What Can All Providers Do Now?

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- NPI: All EPs and hospitals must have an NPI in order to participate. To confirm that you have an active NPI go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/>.
- Visit and learn more about the EHR Incentive program at [www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms), then click on “Registration and Attestation”. You can also find additional information on the EHR Incentive Program, including tip sheets and an EHR decision tool to help EPs decide whether to apply for Medicare or Medicaid incentives.
- There will be issues at launch, may want to wait

# Helpful Resources

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- Idaho Medicaid Website  
[www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov) (“Ask the Program”)
- CMS EHR Incentive Program Website  
[www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms)
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator
  - Attestation User Guides
  - Listserv
- HHS Office of National Coordinator Health IT -certified EHR technology list <http://healthit.hhs.gov/CHPL>

# Important Information

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On the Idaho website, you will find the following informational papers:

- Enrolling as a Vendor
- Eligible Professional Patient Volume Calculation
- Children's Health Insurance and Patient Volume
- Provider Roster Form for FQHCs and RHCs
- Adopt, Implement or Upgrade
- Special Issues for FQHCs and RHCs
- Payment Reassignment
- Group Proxy Calculation
- Getting a CMS EHR Certification Identification #

# Questions for CMS?

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## **EHR Information Center**

- Hours of Operation:
  - 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Central Time)
  - Monday through Friday, except federal holidays
- 1 (888) 734-6433 (primary number)
- 1 (888) 734-6563 (TTY number)

# Washington Idaho Regional Extension Center (WIREC)

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- Determine eligibility for the EHR incentive programs and help providers navigate the registration process
- Select the most cost-effective EHR for your practice
- Plan a successful EHR implementation
- Enhance administrative and clinical workflows
- Assess and meet training needs
- Achieve meaningful use of HIT
- Maximize HIT incentive payments
- Improve the value and quality of patient care

# WIREC's Contact Information

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Phone: (208) 364-9700, or

Toll free at: 1 (800) 949-7536

Website: [www.wirecqh.org/](http://www.wirecqh.org/) There you can apply for assistance, subscribe to their mailing list, or send them an email

# Additional Information

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- Sign up for e-mail updates by visiting the Idaho EHR Website [www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.MedicaidEHR.dhw.idaho.gov) and click on “*Sign up for email updates*”
- Submit questions by visiting the Idaho EHR Website and click on the email link in the “*Ask the Program*” section