

Certification

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program requires the use of certified EHR technology. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has adopted standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for EHR technology.

Providers must use EHR technology that has been tested and certified by an Office of the National Coordinator Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB). Even if a provider already uses EHR technology, it must be tested and certified by an ONC-ATCB specifically for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.

A provider does not need to have certified EHR technology in use to register for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. However, to qualify for and receive incentive payments, providers must adopt, implement, or upgrade to certified EHR technology under the incentive program and provide this information when they attest. Idaho began accepting meaningful use July 1, 2013.

During attestation, you are required to provide a CMS EHR Certification ID that identifies your certified EHR technology. A “List of Certified EHR Technology (CHPL)” products can be found on the ONC website.

This unique CMS EHR Certification ID can be obtained by following these steps:

1. Go to the ONC CHPL website: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/chpl>.
2. Select your practice type by selecting the Ambulatory or Inpatient buttons.
3. Use the Search functions to find and select your EHR Product(s) and add them to your cart.
4. Check your cart to see if the product(s) meet 100% of the CMS required criteria.
5. Request a CMS EHR Certification ID using the button on the Certification Cart page.

Note: The ONC CHPL Product Number issued to your vendor for each certified technology is different than the CMS EHR Certification ID. Only a CMS EHR Certification ID will be accepted at attestation.

For more information about EHR Certified Technology, refer to the following resources:

- [CMS Certified EHR Technology website](#)
- [CMS EHR Certification Number Instructions](#)
- [Certified Health IT Product List](#)
- [HHS/ONC Web site](#)