



Providers are free to assign their incentive payment to a clinic or organization. To learn more about how to reassign an incentive payment, please read the informational paper "Payment Reassignment for EPs" under the *Educational & Training Materials* section of Idaho Medicaid's EHR Web page.

## **Medicaid Eligible Hospitals (EHs)**

The last year a Medicaid EH may begin participation in the program is 2016. After 2016, a Medicaid EH can only receive payments if a payment was received in the previous year. In Idaho the Idaho Medicaid Incentive Payment Program runs from 2012 through 2021.

Once an EH decides to participate in the program, an aggregate incentive payment is determined and is paid out over at least three years. States can pay out no more than 50% of the hospital's aggregate incentive payment in any one year. In addition, over a two year period, the state cannot pay more than 90% of the aggregate incentive. In Idaho the payments will be made using the following proportions:

- Year 1 – 50% of the hospitals aggregate incentive payment
- Year 2 – 40% of the hospitals aggregate incentive payment
- Year 3 – 10% of the hospitals aggregate incentive payment

EH payments are based on a complex calculation that includes a number of factors. Hospitals do not have to meet meaningful use to receive their first Medicaid payment. They must adopt, implement, or upgrade to certified EHR technology. EHs that have met meaningful use for Medicare are deemed to have met meaningful use for Medicaid. EHs, in this case, will still have to meet the state's eligibility criteria of patient volume and average length of stay.

To read about how hospital payment calculations are done, please take a look at the informational paper "Hospital Payment Calculations" under the *Educational & Training Materials* section of Idaho Medicaid's EHR Web page.

For more information about incentive payments, refer to the following resources:

- [Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Tip Sheet for Eligible Professionals](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Medicaid Hospitals](#)
- [CMS Path to Payment web page](#)