

Program Overview

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contains provisions designed to encourage healthcare providers to use health information technology. One such provision is allocating incentive payments to Medicare and Medicaid providers for the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health records. The federal government will be responsible for administering the Medicare incentive payments to providers. The Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid, will administer the incentive payments to eligible Medicaid providers in Idaho.

- Eligible Medicaid providers may receive up to 85% of allowable costs for electronic health record technology and support services up to a maximum of \$63,750 per provider over a six year period. Funding is available from 2011 through 2021.
- Medicaid will be responsible for tracking all such payments and conducting adequate oversight of the program, including ensuring a provider's eligibility for payment.
- Idaho Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentives Program began accepting registrations for Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) on July 2, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2013, Idaho Medicaid will begin accepting registrations for Stage 1, Year 1, Meaningful Use (MU).

Further guidance about how to qualify and apply for the Idaho Medicaid electronic health record incentive payments are provided on this Web site under *More Information*.