

Providers are free to assign their incentive payment to a clinic or organization.

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 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 who wish to demonstrate meaningful use, must first apply to Medicare. EHs that have met meaningful use for Medicare are then 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.