

Idaho Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Project Update: September, 2011

- Idaho Medicaid is working with Public Knowledge to complete Idaho's State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP) as well as the Implementation-Advanced Planning Document (I-APD). It is now expected that the SMHP and I-APD will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services(CMS) in December.
- Approval from CMS may take up to three months. Once the SMHP is approved Medicaid expects building the program could take an additional six months.
- An implementation date has not yet been set. The implementation date is dependent upon the speed of CMS approval of the state's plan which is unknown, as well as the time required to build and test the system solution.
- A system solution for implementation has been selected. It is a system currently in use in Kentucky's EHR Incentive program and is also being implemented in Wyoming. It will be hosted internally and include a provider portal where Idaho providers will attest to their eligibility, a database, as well as a bidirectional interface with the national registration site, often referred to as the NLR.
- Medicaid and Public Knowledge are currently working on an audit strategy as well as the budget details needed for submission to CMS.
- During the three months prior to launch, Medicaid expects to provide both webinars and conference calls for eligible providers and hospitals that will focus on the application process as well as eligibility verification.
- Currently, five Idaho hospitals have registered as dual eligible hospitals to receive Medicare EHR incentive payments. As such they will be the first hospitals to receive the Medicaid EHR incentive payment once the Idaho Medicaid Program launches. In addition we know that 144 Medicare providers in Idaho have registered to receive **Medicare** EHR incentive payments.

Next Steps:

Medicaid welcomes the opportunity to share information about the EHR incentive program, including the steps required to apply to receive an incentive payment. Please let us know if there are provider outreach opportunities through your stakeholder organizations. Feel free to contact Michele Turbert at turbertm@dhw.idaho.gov or by phone, (208) 364-1946.