



EHR Incentive Programs

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Idaho Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Provider Toolkit

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Medicare v. Medicaid

EHR incentive payments are open to eligible Medicare and Medicaid hospitals and health care professionals. The Medicare and Medicaid programs are similar but differ in eligibility requirements, incentive payment timing, payment amounts, and payment structures. For more information, check out CMS's tip sheet – "Notable Differences between Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs".

Timelines

Important Dates for Application/Attestation

- July 1, 2014 – Application/attestation for Stage 2, MU for Idaho Medicaid EHR Incentive Program began.

- October 1, 2014 – Provider Flexibility Rule implemented for program year 2014.
- October 1, 2014 – Last day for EPs participating in their first year of MU to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for program year 2014 to avoid the 2015 1% holdback from CMS.
- December 31, 2014 – Last day for EHs and CAHs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for program year 2014 under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. This date accounts for a three month ‘tail’ period at the end of the FFY. EH’s patient encounter data is always drawn from the previous completed FFY when applying/attesting.
- March 31, 2015 – Last day for EPs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for program year 2014. This date accounts for a three month ‘tail’ period at the end of the CY.
- December 31, 2016 – Last date to begin participation for EHs and CAHs. This date accounts for a three month ‘tail’ period at the end of the FFY.
- March 31, 2017 – Last date to begin participation for EPs. This date accounts for a three month ‘tail’ period at the end of the CY.

General Incentive Payment Information

The Medicaid EHR incentive payment is a fixed payment amount and is made based on the calendar year. In Idaho, the EHR Incentive Program runs from 2012 through 2021. The last year a Medicaid provider may begin participation in the program is 2016. Participation years do not need to be consecutive so providers may skip years and begin again where they last participated, however, eligible providers that do not demonstrate meaningful use each year may be subject to a Part B Medicare holdback from CMS. The last year to receive an incentive payment is 2021.

Program Year	CY 2011 Start	CY 2012 Start	CY 2013 Start	CY 2014 Start	CY 2015 Start	CY 2016 Start
2011	N/A					
2012	N/A	\$21,250				
2013	N/A	\$8,500	\$21,250			
2014	N/A	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250		
2015	N/A	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250	
2016	N/A	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$21,250
2017		\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2018			\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2019				\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
2020					\$8,500	\$8,500
2021						\$8,500
Total	N/A	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750	\$63,750

EP Incentive Payment Information

Each EP can receive only one incentive payment per year, regardless of how many practices or locations at which they provide services. Providers serving populations in more than one state can participate only in one state. EPs must choose to participate in only one program; Medicare or Medicaid. Before 2015, an EP may switch between the two programs only once after the first incentive payment is made.

An EP can receive up to a total of \$63,750 in Medicaid incentive payments over a six year period. The maximum payment the first year is \$21,250 and then \$8,500 for each of the following payment years two through six. For pediatricians that do not meet the 30% Medicaid PV but meet the 20% Medicaid PV the first payment year, the incentive payment would be \$14,167, and in subsequent payment years would be \$5,667. The maximum incentive payment amount for a pediatrician with 20% Medicaid PV over 6 years would not exceed \$42,500.

EPs are able to assign their incentive payment to a clinic or organization.

EH Incentive Payment Information

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 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, the state cannot pay more than 90% of the aggregate incentive over a two-year period. 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 MU to receive their first Medicaid payment; rather, they must attest to AIU of a CEHRT. EHs who wish to demonstrate MU must first apply to Medicare. EHs that have met MU for Medicare are then deemed to have met MU for Medicaid. EHs, in this case, will still have to meet the state's eligibility criteria of PV and ALOS.

Payment Adjustments and Hardship

For information regarding payment adjustments and hardships, see https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/PaymentAdj_Hardship.html.

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