



April 2014 Newsletter

Incentive Payments made to Providers in our state:

Eligible Hospitals (EH):

Total Hospitals Paid	175	\$103,696,699
EH Paid for Year 1	86	\$63,377,519
EH Paid for Year 2	60	\$28,135,519
EH Paid for Year 3	29	\$ 11,837,004

Eligible Providers (EP):

Total Providers Paid	5,762	\$103,661,782
EP Paid for Year 1	4,335	\$91,608,773
EP Paid for Year 2	58	\$ 487,334

Grand Total Paid: \$207,011,824

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Are you eligible for these dollars too? Please don't miss out, it is NOT too late. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Program provides incentive payments to eligible medical and dental professionals, hospitals and CAHs as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

The initial payment is \$21,250 per provider with an additional \$8,500 per provider per year for meeting ongoing objectives for 5 additional years. Eligible Professionals/Dentists/Specialists can go to the [CMS Getting Started](#) page to find out if you are eligible to participate and what steps you need to take to begin. Eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) should visit the [Eligible Hospital Information](#) page to learn about the EHR Incentive Programs.

Important Announcements:

Where is my payment???

As the February 28, 2014 attestation deadline approached, a large number of providers submitted requests for payment. Our team is working very hard to perform the required pre-payment verifications to initiate those payments. We appreciate your understanding and patience as they work through the applications. All applications are typically processed within 90 days. Thank you!

Preparing to attest for Meaningful Use Stage 2?

Although EH's were eligible to begin attestations for Meaningful Use Stage 2 on January 1st, 2014 and EP's are eligible as early as on April 1st*, 2014 – the Washington State EHR system (known as eMIPP) will not be able to accept Stage 2 applications until early June. We will update this announcement when a firm date is set. You may continue to apply for AIU or Meaningful Use Stage 1 and Stage 2 payments during this update.*You are eligible **if** you have gathered 90 days of Meaningful Use data **and** received an email from CMS informing you of your status update.

Additional Prepayment Documentation:

We are close to requiring additional prepayment documentation for all EH's attesting beyond AIU. We will be using Survey Monkey to request additional data regarding your attestation. More information and links to the questionnaire(s) will be provided in the coming weeks. This will not apply to attestations previously submitted for processing.

[Tips and Contacts:](#)

Provider Attestation Record-Keeping Reminder:

CMS and HCA cannot emphasize enough, the importance of saving all supporting documents used for that attestation, **at the time of attestation and submission**. These may be reports, screenshots, etc. During the course of an audit, providers must be able to provide documentation to support their attestations as they were submitted. We want you to be successful. We are finding providers who wait until they are audited to try to recreate or recover documentation are putting themselves through unnecessary work, time, and expense which are sometimes providing inaccurate information. Some providers have since changed IT systems and recovery of old data is extremely challenging.

Auditors will request screenshots or reports for the reporting period. They will need patient lists with date of service and Medicaid Client IDs for each objective that requires a numerator and denominator. In the end, it is far simpler for a provider to go to an electronic file and upload the document to eMIPP rather than having to try to re-create the documentation.

Contacts:

- Need EHR help? Please contact our team at: HealthIT@hca.wa.gov
- Security or log in issues with ProviderOne? Please contact: ProviderOneSecurity@hca.wa.gov for assistance with your P1 password or when you have a change in staff resulting in a new System Administrator for your office.
- Please remember that if you do not have your own security credentials granting you access to the EHR domain in ProviderOne, our staff is not able to discuss any information with you.
- CMS EHR Help Desk: 1-888-734-6433 Option #1
- CMS Account Security and to update your accounts contact person: 1-866-484-8049 Option #3
- Did you know that CMS has its own Listserv? To subscribe: [Subscribe to CMS EHR Incentive Programs Listserv](#)