



## **NEWS FROM CMS – A GUIDE TO MEDICAID & THE EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

From time-to-time, CMS puts out newsletters with information about the EHR Incentive Program. On July 12, 2012, CMS issued this information about a new guide on the Medicaid EHR Incentive program. It provides information about both first year (AIU) and succeeding years (MU) attestation.

The information below also includes some Medicare information, which varies some from what is applicable to the Medicaid EHR program. Please read carefully to avoid confusion. Contact information is at the end.

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### **Take a Look at CMS' New Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Guide for Eligible Professionals; Remember to Register Now for the EHR Incentive Programs**

CMS has created a new comprehensive guide, [\*An Introduction to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals\*](#), to help walk EPs through all of the phases of the Medicaid program. This guide includes chapters on:

- An overview of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- Eligibility determination
- Registration through CMS and eligibility verification at the state level
- Meaningful use and picking appropriate measures
- Attestation
- Helpful resources on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

EPs can use this guide as their source for any information they need on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The guide can be found on the [Educational Materials](#) section of the EHR website along with several other helpful tools and resources for participants in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, including the guide, [\*An Introduction to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals\*](#), that CMS previously created.

**Register Today to Receive Maximum Incentives**

CMS recommends that all eligible professionals (EPs) [register](#) as early as possible for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs.

By registering early, you can verify that your information is up to date in all of the CMS systems and resolve any issues so that you can participate in the EHR Incentive Programs. If you do not resolve registration problems in time, you will not be able to attest and could potentially miss out on a payment year. Registering does not mean you are required to participate—so register today!

This is the last year for **Medicare** EPs to start participating in the EHR Incentive Programs in order to receive their full Medicare incentive payments.\* For more information on registration in the EHR Incentive Programs, visit the [Registration page](#) of the EHR website.

**Want more information about the EHR Incentive Programs?**

Make sure to visit the [EHR Incentive Programs website](#) for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

*\*Note from TennCare: EPs have through 2016 to register and begin the attestation process to receive an EHR Incentive Payment.*

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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