



Welcome to the TennCare/Medicaid EHR ListServ!

Through the use of this ListServ, the Bureau of TennCare aims to keep you informed on the latest updates regarding Health Information Technology (HIT) and the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program. As you are already aware, TennCare intends to begin the EHR Incentive Program in January 2011, with the first payments to providers being made in May. The starting point for enrollment, available January 2011, in the EHR Incentive Program is CMS' web site: <http://cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>.

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Tennessee is just the second state to receive CMS approval of *both* its State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP) and its HIT Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD). Approval of both plans allows us to move forward with the development and implementation of our EHR Incentive Program.

Certified EHR Technology

In order to receive a first year payment in 2011 through the TennCare/Medicaid EHR Provider Incentive Program, eligible providers and hospitals must demonstrate that they have adopted, implemented and/or upgraded to certified EHR technology. CMS has selected several companies to review and certify systems/modules for use by providers. An updated list is available for review at the following CMS web site: <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>. This list will be updated weekly as new systems and modules are certified for provider consideration and use.

Have a question?

Have a question about the EHR Incentive Program or certified EHR technology? Send an email to MedicaidHIT.TennCare@tn.gov. We'll do our best to get an answer to your question.

We'll be there!

A TennCare representative will be attending the following meetings to provide available information about the EHR Incentive Program:

October 26 – 29: Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, Gatlinburg, TN

November 17 – 19: Rural Health Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN