



ATTESTATION TIPS

Two CMS-related numbers seemed to have been causing some confusion. Hopefully, we can clear this up.

CMS Registration Number – Providers receive this number when they have completed registering on the CMS Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System (CMS R&A) web site. You are given the opportunity to write this number down and/or print the page on which it appears (we recommend both). You need this number if you have to go back to the CMS R&A site to make changes/corrections to your registration. You also need this number to check your status on TennCare’s web site and to begin the attestation process.

If you failed to record this number when you registered, you can call CMS at 1-888-734-6433 for assistance.

CMS Certification Number for certified EHR technology – This is a 15-digit, alpha/numeric ID number that the CMS Office of National Coordinator (ONC) assigns to each certified system or module or combinations of systems and modules. It **is not** the certification number that your vendor received from the ONC-Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB).

To get this number:

- ◆ Go to <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>
- ◆ Click on either “Ambulatory Practice Type” or “Inpatient Practice Type” as appropriate
- ◆ Click on “Browse” or you can use the box on the right to search by Product Name or Vendor Name
- ◆ After locating your system or module(s), click “Add to Cart”
- ◆ Once the gray box on the next page totals 100%, you can click on “Get CMS EHR Certification ID”

This is the number you must enter in your CMS R&A System registration and will appear in your TennCare/Medicaid Attestation Packet. If you did not have this number when you registered, you must return to the CMS R&A web site and modify your registration. CMS will forward that information to TennCare. Always go all the way through the process and click on the “Submit”

button. Failure to do so may result in your change not being recorded and forwarded to TennCare.

Clarification – Apparently, some of the text we have used in our emails has been confusing to a few providers. Several of the emails contained the same language for everyone who received it about having CMS-certified EHR technology, regardless of whether that information was present in the provider’s registration.

- ◆ All providers **must** have a certified EHR system and/or modules, and the CMS Certification Number (see above) at the time they attest.
- ◆ You **must** record your CMS Certification Number with your CMS R&A System registration.
- ◆ If you did not have a system/module when you registered or did not record your CMS Registration Number when you registered, you **must** modify your registration (see above).
- ◆ If you had your certified EHR technology and entered the CMS Registration Number when you registered, *then ignore the message and do nothing!* You’re ready to go.

Over 55% of the providers who have registered thus far did not give a CMS Certification Number at the time of registration, or gave an invalid number (see above once again). The certification is not required when you register, but it is required when you begin the attestation process. You **will not** be allowed to attest unless the CMS Certification Number is present.

Clarification II – EPs are asked to tell us if they are attesting as individual practitioners or as a part of a group that is using the group patient volume as a proxy for individual patient volume. When the first EP of a group selects group attestation, the remaining members of that group **will not** see that option. We have linked all members of a group practice or clinic together so the first to attest locks the entire group into the group patient volume method of attestation. If a group has decided to attest using individual patient volume, all members of the group must use that method, and select “Individual” when telling us how you will attest.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact us at TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov. We will respond as quickly as possible, and/or call you if needed.

CMS Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System web site to register or correct/modify previous registration:

<https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

TennCare’s web site for questions, check status, or begin attestation:

<http://www.state.tn.us/tenncare/pipregistration.html>

CMS’ EHR web site:

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>

CHPL (CHaPeL) web site to obtain CMS Certification Number for certified EHR technology:

<http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>