



# Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

Flow Chart to Help Eligible Professionals (EPs)  
Determine Eligibility for the Medicare and Medicaid  
Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services





# Introduction

- A Medicaid EP may also qualify for the Medicare incentive
- An EP who qualifies for both programs may only participate in one program
- EPs who qualify for EHR incentive payments under Medicare or Medicaid will maximize their payments by choosing the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

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# Service Setting

- Did you perform 90% of your services in an inpatient hospital or emergency room hospital setting?

Yes

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# Medicaid

- Were at least 30% of your services furnished to Medicaid\* patients?\*\*\* (20% requirement for pediatricians)?

\*To determine eligibility for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, EPs should follow the path of answering “No” to this question. Please note that an EP who qualifies for both programs may only participate in one program.

\*\*\* Medicaid patients might be fee-for-service encounters where the State Medicaid Agency pays you for your services (this includes primary care case management and medical home programs). Also, it might mean that you see patients through a state’s Medicaid managed care program (i.e., you are a network provider for a managed care organization contracted to provide Medicaid services). Please contact your State Medicaid Agency about this and for more information about calculating the patient volume with precision.

Yes

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# FQHC or RHC

- Did you practice predominantly\* in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) with a 30% needy individual\*\* patient volume threshold?

\*"Practicing Predominantly" means that more than 50% of your clinical services were provided in an FQHC or RHC in a six-month period in the most recent year.

\*\*"Needy Individuals" include individuals who are: (1) Receiving medical assistance from Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); (2) Furnished uncompensated care by the provider; or (3) Furnished services at either no cost or reduced cost based on a sliding scale

Yes

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# Medicaid EPs

- Are you one of the following?

- Physician\*

\*Physicians in the Medicaid program are almost always required to be Medical Doctors (MDs) or Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs).

- Dentist

- Certified nurse-midwife

- Nurse practitioner

- Physician assistant practicing in an FQHC or RHC led by a physician assistant

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# Medicare

- Do you treat Medicare patients and bill for Part B services on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule?

Yes

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# Medicare EPs

- Are you one of the following?
  - Doctor of medicine or osteopathy
  - Doctor of oral surgery or dental medicine
  - Doctor of podiatric medicine
  - Doctor of optometry
  - Chiropractor

Yes

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# Eligibility Result

If you adopt, implement or upgrade to or successfully demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology, you may be eligible to receive an incentive payment under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

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