



Fact Sheet for Eligible Professionals

Program Overview

The Georgia Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program is a voluntary, multi-year, multi-stage program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and is 100 percent federally funded through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicaid Incentive EHR Program provides incentive payments to Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. The program is slated to end in 2022.

Eligible Professionals

Eligible Professionals (EPs) under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program include:

- Physicians (primarily doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy)
- Nurse practitioners
- Certified nurse-midwives
- Dentists
- Physician assistants (who furnish services in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic led by a physician assistant)

Eligible Professionals must have at least a 30 percent patient volume attributable to Medicaid (Title XIX). Unless otherwise specified, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP, Title XXI) patients are excluded from the patient volume calculations. In Georgia, CHIP is called PeachCare for Kids®.

Eligible Professionals practicing predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic must have at least 30 percent patient volume attributable to needy individuals.

Pediatricians will be considered eligible with a Medicaid (Title XIX) patient volume of 20 percent but will only receive two-thirds of the incentive amounts specified unless their Medicaid patient volume is 30 percent or higher. To qualify as a pediatrician, a provider must be classified in Georgia's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) as a pediatrician or a pediatric specialist (with NPI taxonomy codes within the 208000000X region).

Click on the links below for additional information about patient volume requirements.

CMS Eligibility for EPs

http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp#BOOKMARK1

CMS Eligibility for EP Clinic/Group Practices

<https://questions.cms.gov/faq.php?id=5005&faqId=2993>

Adopt, Implement, Upgrade and Meaningful Use

Participants must adopt (acquire and install), implement (training), upgrade (expand functionality with new version, etc.) *or* demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology during Year One of their program participation.

In all subsequent years, providers must demonstrate meaningful use (i.e., how the technology moves beyond being a digital medical chart to a valuable tool to transform health care service delivery and improve health outcomes). The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program requires the use of EHR technology certified through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). For more information, visit the ONC website at <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>.

Incentives for Eligible Professionals

By meeting all program requirements, EPs may receive up to \$63,750 during their six years of program participation. Year One: \$21,250; each subsequent year: \$8,500. For pediatricians who meet the 20 percent patient volume but fall short of the 30 percent patient volume threshold, the maximum incentive is \$14,167 in the first year; and \$5,667 each subsequent year for a total incentive of \$42,500.

Technical Assistance

The Georgia Health Information Technology Extension Center (GA-HITEC) provides education, outreach and technical assistance to Georgia health care providers in selecting, implementing and using health information technology to improve the quality and value of health care. For more information about GA-HITEC, please visit www.ga-hitec.org or call toll-free at 877-658-1990.

Getting Started

Step One: Register with CMS. Eligible Professionals must first register on the CMS Registration and Attestation System website at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>.

Step Two: Register with the State of Georgia. Eligible professionals must have registered for web access through their existing Georgia Medicaid web portal account (i.e. MMIS) prior to registration for a Medicaid EHR incentive payment. The Georgia Medicaid web portal can be accessed at <https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>.

For More Information

To learn more about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, visit the CMS website at www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms and the DCH website at www.dch.georgia.gov/ehr.