

Georgia Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentives Program

General Overview



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ACCESS



Access
to affordable,
quality health
care in our
communities

RESPONSIBLE



Responsible
health planning
and use of
health care
resources

HEALTHY



Healthy
behaviors and
improved
health
outcomes



Introduction

- Payment is an incentive for using certified electronic health records (EHR) in a meaningful way
 - Not a reimbursement and not intended to penalize early adopters
- First year payment can be received in 2011 through 2016; Final payment can be received up to 2021
- Hospitals can apply for both Medicare and Medicaid programs



Hospital Eligibility



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- Acute care hospital Medicaid patient volume – 10%
 - CCN range (last 4 digits): 0001-0879 and 1300-1399
- Critical access hospitals defined as acute care hospitals
- Children's hospital: No patient volume threshold
 - CCN range (last 4 digits): 3300-3399
- At least 50% of all encounters must be at a site or sites with certified EHR technology



Patient Threshold Eligibility

The total Medicaid encounters in any representative, continuous 90-day period in the preceding fiscal year.

divided by

The total encounters in the same 90-day period.



Patient Encounter

- Services rendered to an individual per inpatient discharge or in an emergency department on any one day where
 - Medicaid, or Medicaid demonstration grant, paid for all or part of the service or
 - Medicaid, or a Medicaid demonstration grant, paid all or part of the premiums, co-payments or cost-sharing
- Encounters include services rendered to Medicaid managed care patients



Hospital Incentive Payments



Timeline

- Payment years based on FFY (Oct 1 – Sept 30)
- Prior to FY 2016, payments can be made on a non-consecutive, annual basis for the FFY
- After 2016, no payments can be received unless a payment was received in the prior fiscal year



Hospital Incentive Payment

- Georgia Medicaid opted to pay out over three years:
 - Year 1 = 40%
 - Year 2 = 40%
 - Year 3 = 20%
- Hospitals must meet patient 10% Medicaid patient volume each year and Meaningful Use for payment years 2 & 3



Data Source

For purpose of calculating the payment amounts, CMS requires that States use data on the hospital discharges from the hospital fiscal year that ends during the Federal fiscal year prior to the year that serves as the first payment year.



Calculating Patient Volume and Potential Incentives Payment



Hospital Calculator

- Will assist you with calculating patient volume to determine eligibility
- Provides a calculator tool to assist you in determining potential Medicaid EHR incentive payments
- Complete calculation before registering at state-level
- Support available for use of hospital calculator

Calculator will be made available soon



Adopt, Implement, Upgrade (AIU)



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- Adopt: Acquired and installed
 - E.g.; Evidence of acquisition, installation, etc.
- Implement: Commenced utilization
 - E.g.; staff training, data entry of patient demographic information into EHR, data use agreements
- Upgrade: Version 2.0, expanded functionality
 - E.g.; ONC EHR certification



Adopt, Implement, Upgrade

A provider must demonstrate meaningful use by:

- Use of certified EHR technology in a meaningful manner, such as through e-prescribing
- That the certified EHR technology is connected in a manner that provides for the electronic exchange of health information to improve the quality of care, and
- In using this technology, the provider submits clinical quality measures to CMS, or to the State if Medicaid-only



Federal & State Registration



CMS Registration

- Providers register at the CMS website download Registration User's Guide from <https://ehrincentive.cms.gov>
- Providers must
 - Supply NPI, tax id, CCN, and PECOS number
- For Medicaid, must select one state
- Hospitals can apply for both Medicare and Medicaid programs



Georgia State-Level Process

- Providers register and attest via the Georgia MMIS Web Portal for potential incentives payment
- State Validation
- Payment
- Audit and Appeals (if applicable)



Upcoming Events



Webinar Schedule

- **Overview of the Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentives Program (in cooperation with the GA HITREC) *(Presentation available on our website)***
- Eligible Professionals May 17, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- Eligible Hospitals May 16, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- **Calculating Patient Volumes and Incentive Payments (including demonstration of the calculators)**
- Eligible Professionals June 21, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- Eligible Hospitals June 20, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- **Attestations, Monitoring and Documentation**
- Eligible Professionals July 19, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- Eligible Hospitals July 18, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Georgia Medicaid Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR)**
- Eligible Professionals August 16, 2011 1:00 p.m.
- Eligible Hospitals August 15, 2011 1:00 p.m.



EHR Events

- For registration information on upcoming webinars, access to prior webinars and other Medicaid EHR incentive program events, please visit <http://dch.georgia.gov/ehr> or send an email to MedicaidIncentives@dch.ga.gov.



Additional Information



CMS EHR website:

<http://www.cms.gov>

GA Medicaid EHR Incentives Program:

MedicaidIncentives@dch.ga.gov

CMS EHR Information Center Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

**1-888-734-6433 (primary number) or
888-734-6563 (TTY number)**

Support Network



<http://www.ga-hitrec.org/gahitrec/>



http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/01_Overview.asp



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