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Medicaid EHR Incentive 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). The program is 100 percent federally funded through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and 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 2021.



Program Goals

Georgia's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program serves two main goals:

- Instill and support the use of EHRs in meaningful ways to help Georgia and the nation improve the quality, safety and efficiency of patient care.
- Incentivize Georgia's providers to participate in the transformation of our nation's health care system.



Eligible Professionals

Defined as:

- Physicians (M.D. and D.O.)
- Dentists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Physician assistants (who furnish services in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic that is led by a physician assistant)

Eligible Hospitals

Defined as:

- Acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals with a 10 percent minimum Medicaid patient volume
- Children's hospitals are not required to meet patient volume thresholds; however, they cannot be a pediatric department or wing of a larger hospital

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Program Requirements

Participants must:

- Meet applicable Medicaid patient volume thresholds
- Adopt, implement, upgrade or meaningfully use certified EHR technology
- Register with CMS and the State of Georgia
- Provide the necessary attestation of certified EHR usage

Patient Volume

To qualify for an incentive payment under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, an Eligible Professional must meet **one** of the following patient volume criteria:

- Have a minimum 30% Medicaid patient volume*
- Have a minimum 20% Medicaid patient volume, and is a pediatrician*
- Practice predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center and have a minimum 30% patient volume attributable to needy individuals

** Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) patients do not count toward the Medicaid patient volume criteria.*

Meaningful Use

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants must have adopted, implemented, or upgraded to [certified](#) EHR technology during Year One of their program participation that met the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology certification criteria before December 31, 2016.

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).

Incentive Payments

By meeting the meaningful use program requirements, Eligible Professionals may receive an additional \$8,500 during years 2-5. For pediatricians who meet the 20 percent patient volume but fall short of the 30 percent patient volume threshold, the maximum incentive payment is a reduced amount of \$5,667 each subsequent year they attest with a patient volume between 20 to 29%. If the pediatrician meets the 30% threshold, they will receive the full incentive amount of \$8,500 for that attestation year. The maximum incentive payment amount an EP can receive for six years of program participation is \$63,750. As of June 30, 2017, the program has paid over \$287 million to Georgia healthcare providers since its inception in September 2011.

Technical Assistance

To assist providers in completing program requirements, DCH has partnered with DXC Technology and the Georgia Health Information Technology Extension Center (GA-HITEC) to provide free meaningful use assistance.



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Meaningful Use Inquiries

- Ga-HITEC – GAHITEC.org

Patient Volume Calculator Assistance

- DXC Technology – Email HP.mapir.outreach@hpe.com or call 800-766-4456

General Program Information

- Health Information Technology – dch.georgia.gov/ehr or email hit.info.@dch.ga.gov

Getting Started

Step One: Check your demographics with the State of Georgia

Eligible Professionals are required to register for web access through their existing Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) portal account prior to registration for a Medicaid EHR incentive payment. Click [here](#) to access the portal.

Step Two: Update your registration at CMS

Eligible Professionals must register on the CMS Registration and Attestation System. Click [here](#) to register.