

Connecticut Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD ADOPTION AND MEANINGFUL USE

Did you know that certain Medicaid health providers may receive up to \$63,750 in incentive payments if they adopt, implement, or upgrade and meaningfully use certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology?



The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program provides financial incentive payments for certain Medicaid health care providers to adopt and use certified electronic (EHR) technology in ways that can positively affect patient care. The program is administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services with federal support from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As of November 2012, more than 800 eligible health professionals have been paid over \$3.8 million in financial incentives statewide and more than 1,100 have registered for the program since its launch in 2011. Nationally, over 104,000 professionals and hospitals have registered with over \$4 billion distributed under the Medicaid program.

Who is eligible for Medicaid EHR Incentive payments?

In Connecticut, eligible health professionals are Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) enrolled

- Physicians
- Dentists
- Nurse practitioners (APRN)
- Certified Nurse-midwives (CNM)

Who have 30% or more Medicaid patient volume* (or 20% or more Medicaid patient volume for pediatricians), are not hospital-based[†], and are in good standing with the state and federal governmental agencies.

What is required?

Health professionals are required to apply and attest annually that they have met the requirements of the program as outlined below:

First incentive payment year	Second and subsequent payment years
Providers can <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt,• Implement,• Upgrade to a certified electronic health record technology• Demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology	Must show that you are using certified EHRs in a meaningful way by meeting thresholds for a number of objectives

How much are the incentive payments?

Eligible health professionals may be entitled up to \$63,750 in EHR incentive payments over a 6 year period for participating in the program and meeting all the eligibility requirements for the program in each year. The incentive payment is a fixed amount each year with an initial payment amount of \$21,500 in the first year for adoption, implementation or upgrading to a certified EHR technology system. Payments in subsequent years are \$8,500. Providers can skip years and participation in the program does not have to take place across consecutive years. There are no penalties for not participating. Incentive payments are made to individual providers, not to practices or medical groups, however providers may assign their payments to the group practice organization which may be used to offset costs associated with the practice's EHR system purchase. Group practices could earn up to \$63,750 per eligible professional!



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per eligible professional paid over 6 years

When can I apply?

Health professionals can attest to meeting the Medicaid EHR Incentive program requirements and request incentive payments annually on a calendar year basis. The last date to attest for a payment year is March 31 following the end of the calendar year. The last year to begin participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and receive the full payment amount is 2016. The Medicaid EHR Incentive program runs through the year 2021. Over 1100 providers have already enrolled!

How do I get started?

Providers must register with the CMS Registration and Attestation System at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov> and choose Connecticut as the individual state program that they wish to participate under. Once registered, you will be contacted by email within 24 hours and provided a link to Connecticut's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) system where you can begin attesting to fulfilling the program requirements. Register today!

For more information

To learn more about the Connecticut Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:

- Call the dedicated CT Medicaid EHR Incentive Program call center toll free at 1-855-313-6638, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST
- Email ctmedicaid-ehr@hp.com
- Visit the CMAP Website at <https://www.ctdssmap.com> and select "EHR Incentive Program"

* Medicaid patients include individuals receiving services under Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS), Medicaid for Low Income Adults (MLIA) and the HUSKY A programs.

† An eligible professional is considered hospital-based if 90% or more of his or her services are performed in a hospital inpatient (Place Of Service code 21) or emergency room (Place Of Service code 23) setting.