WASHINGTON Link4Health ehr Incentive Program

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Washington State Health Care Authority

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Need Help?

Need EHR help? Please contact our team at: HealthIT@hca.wa.gov

Website: HealthIT.wa.gov

Security or log-in issues with ProviderOne? Please contact: ProviderOneSecurity@hca.wa.gov for assistance with your P1 password or when you have a change in staff resulting in a new System Administrator for your office.

- CMS EHR Help Desk: 1-888-734-6433 Option #1.
- CMS Account Security and to update your accounts contact person: 1-866-484-8049 Option #3.
- Did you know that CMS has its own Listserv? To subscribe: Subscribe to CMS EHR Incentive Programs Listserv.

Remember to keep an electronic back-up or file of all documentation/reports used during each attestation. This will save you considerable time and efforts if you are ever asked to provide attestation materials during an audit.

Clinical Data Repository and HealthIT in Washington State

Winter Greetings from the Health Information Technology (HIT) team at the Health Care Authority (HCA) of Washington!

We have entered 2016 diligently working towards the rollout of the Clinical Data Repository (CDR) service hosted by the state HIE, OneHealthPort (OHP), during the first part of the year.

- From a systems side, we are happy to report that the first stage of early system testing is underway by our technology partner, OHP, with our team beginning to perform initial data verification processes.

- From a clinical provider/hospital side:

As part of a multi-year performance improvement project that the Health Care Authority (HCA) of Washington entered into with five Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) who are contracted to provide care for over 1.4 million Apple Health enrollee's lives, the MCOs received the letter from MaryAnne Lindeblad, Washington state Medicaid Director, to distribute.

In January 2016, each of the five managed care plans distributed the Provider Requirement Letter to all contracted providers regarding the upcoming requirement for their participation in the Clinical Data Repository. We have developed a decision tree tool to help providers determine if the requirement applies to them *at this time:*

Provider Requirement Letter

Decision Tree

If the initial participation requirement applies to you, here is the "How To Get Started" process. Please note that the project team is working with CMS to designate Continuity of Care Document (CCD) submissions to the CDR as meeting the Stage 2 Meaningful Use requirement for exchanging summaries of care across vendor platforms.

Check our website in February for upcoming short, topical CDR related webinar recordings.

What's Happening in Electronic Health Records

Avoid the EHR MU Medicare Penalty:

If you are a Medicaid provider and planning on attesting to Meaningful Use for 2015 but are unable to due to system updates by the state - you can register your intent at CMS.

To avoid the EHR MU Medicare Penalty, Medicaid providers will have to register at CMS. If you are a Medicaid provider accessing the CMS registry for the first time, please note that you will not be able to click on the 3rd radio button stating that

you are attesting to avoid the penalty. After registration, CMS sends an interface to the State. We send an acknowledgment back to CMS stating you are an eligible Medicaid Provider. Once this has been completed, please go back to your CMS registration, click on the attestation tab and the attestation option will be available.

Important Reminder For Providers:

The **LAST YEAR** a provider is able to begin the multi-year EHR Incentive Payment Program is 2016. After the 2016 cut-off date, no new providers will be allowed to start. If you are unsure whether you **have already begun the attestation process for the first year (AIU), please contact us at Healthit@hca.wa.gov.**

Eligible Hospitals:

As a reminder, the recently published final rule is effective on December 15, 2015. Until this date, states' Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs should continue to operate according to the currently established rules. However, we would like to call attention to one issue around the EHR reporting period for eligible hospitals.

Due to the shift of the reporting period from the fiscal year to the calendar year starting in 2015, there is a period where a hospital attestation could occur for program year 2016 under the currently established rules using the fiscal year but would become a program year 2015 attestation using the calendar year once the new final rule is effective. We expect that this situation would be limited to eligible hospitals attesting to AIU from October 1, 2015 through December 14, 2015.

For Program years greater than 2015 all EH provider will report eligibile encounters based on the calendar year.

For program year 2015 the transitional reporting period for EHs is October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. EH Eligible encounter reporting period will be any 90 days within the transitional reporting period.

Dental MU: How to meet Meaningful Use and Advance Your Incentive Payments:

Due to recent discussions with CMS, WA State will be posting a "How to meet Meaningful Use" for our dental providers.

Previously, it was difficult for Dental providers to meet the requirements; however, **after recent discussions with CMS, we have found exemptions that will help you complete attestation and continue to qualify for additional EHR Incentive Payment monies.**

We will post the link to the webinar on our website at: http://www.hca.wa.gov/healthit

Tribal Providers: -- UPDATE ON RPMS:

RPMS EHR has been certified, as of August 22, 2014, according to the 2014 ONC Standards. Facilities should contact their area offices about scheduling the 2014 EHR upgrade. Note that all applications and patches must be installed to have the certified version, and EPs and EHs must utilize all associated functionality and patches to demonstrate Meaningful Use.

(EP) Ambulatory: 1314E01PJHPUEAL

(EH) Inpatient: 1314E01PJHPQEA1

https://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse/certificationoverview/

CMS Resources

To help eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) successfully participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in 2015, CMS has posted new resources on the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website

- Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals/CAHs: What You Need to Know for 2015
- Overview of the EHR Incentive Programs in 2015-2017
- What's Changed for the EHR Incentive Programs in 2015-2017
- Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals/CAHs Attestation Worksheets
- Alternate Exclusions and Specifications Fact Sheet
- Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals/CAHs Objectives and Measures Tables
- Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals/CAHs Specification Sheets

REMINDER:

The attestation system is currently unavailable for Meaningful Use providers who have not submitted their 2015 registrations/attestations prior to December 15, 2015 due to the new CMS modifications. Providers in their first payment year will be able to submit their registration if they choose to Adopt, Implement or Upgrade. Providers will be able to submit 2015 registrations/attestations April 10, 2016 when the modifications for Meaningful Use have been implemented.

Find Registration:

Enter confirmation and click on Search button.

If provider (EP) never submitted his/her attestation then provider (EP) should see a popup message with below message in it.

Due to new CMS policy, the system is currently unavailable to submit your attestation. Providers will be able to submit 2015 attestations in Summer 2016, when the modifications for Meaningful Use have been implemented.

Payment year 1

1. The Adopt, Implement, Upgrade functionality is currently in place and can be used.   If a provider chooses one of the Adopt, Implement, Upgrade options the provider should be able to access the application for his/her attestation process.
2. If providers try to use MU option, the system should stop them at the Attestation screen (When the "Register" button is clicked. A popup message with the below message will be displayed. Attestations other than AIU, cannot use Meaningful Use as an option. Providers will be able to submit registrations in Spring 2016, when the modifications for Meaningful Use have been implemented.

 If any providers who previously submitted an attestation, but is still under review, approval or in the attestation process,   access to the application will be available based on status.

CMS Reintroduces the eCQI Resource Center

The eCQI Resource Center is a one-stop shop for the most current resources to support electronic clinical quality improvement. The website provides a centralized location for critical clinical quality measure resources, including the electronic clinical quality measures and their specifications, links to tools for measure development, testing, and clinical decision support (CDS). Register for a live demonstration of the website - Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 3:00-4:00 EST. **NOTE: we have been notified that this webinar is full. For questions and additional information please contact Jessica Sanford at sanford@battelle.org or 614-326-1704

EHR Incentive Payments in WA State

Hospitals:

Paid for Year **1 (unique Hosp.)**	=	88	($ 63,781,127.00)
Paid for Year **2**	=	75	($ 34,025,917.00)
Paid for Year **3**	=	51	($ 20,117,381.00)
Paid for Year **4**	=	25	($ 7,832,668.00)

Eligible Providers (EP's):

Paid for Year **1 (unique EPs)**	=	5,701	($ 120,537,112.00)
Paid for Year **2**	=	2,405	($ 20,317,848.00)
Paid for Year **3**	=	1,209	($ 10,262,335.00)
Paid for Year **4**	=	303	($ 2,572,667.00)

GRAND TOTAL PAID: **$279,447,055.00**

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