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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

Clinical Data Repository and HealthIT in Washington State

Greetings from the Health Information Technology (HIT) team at the WA state Health Care Authority (HCA)!

We continue diligently working with the state HIE, OneHealthPort (OHP), towards the rollout of the Clinical Data Repository (CDR) service. It has been a busy month:

- System testing is underway with OHP, with our team performing initial data validation processes.
- We are meeting with representatives from DSHS and DOH to begin discussion about role-based access determination and the impact of the CDR on their business processes.
- Initial planning for provider and other end user training is underway.
- OHP and HCA held EHR vendor education webinars so they would better understand technical requirements to better assist their customers

Finally, 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 March for many upcoming informative resources:

- Short, topical webinar recordings
- Decision Tree to help determine if your organization is required to submit data to the CDR
- FAQ

What's Happening in Electronic Health Records

In order to avoid payment adjustments, first time providers (i.e. EPs who have not previously attested to Meaningful Use (MU)) must attest through CMS's registration & attestation system using the **alternate** Medicare attestation method on/before the March 11, 2016. This alternate Medicare

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.

attestation would be to avoid 2017 payment adjustments.

If they wish to earn the Medicaid incentive, they must also attest through the State Medicaid attestation system before the State deadline of June 11, 2016. You do not need to attest to the alternate Medicare attestation unless you wish to avoid the Medicare Penalty.

Important Dates:

July 1, 2016 - Hardship Application Deadline - (not alternate attestation) to avoid penalty is July 1, 2016.

June 11, 2016 - 2015 MU Attestation Deadline – for Washington State Medicaid

March 11, 2016 - AIU Deadline – Providers need to Register at CMS and then attest at state by March 11th. Please register NOW at CMS.

Reminder:

The states EHR attestation system is currently being updated due to Final Rule changes. The system will be back on-line April 11th.

The CMS.gov '[2015 Program Requirements](#)' resource page has links for the '2015 – 2017 Attestation User Guides', that show features of the RNA attestation screens/pages.

The [Alternative Medicare Attestation for Medicaid](#) document gives a brief overview of the Alternate Medicare Attestation processes, Q&As derived from State Medicaid Administrators (SMAs) and the RNA webpages Medicaid EPs attempting the Alternate Medicare Attestation will utilize.

Visit the CMS Website for More Information on 2015 Program Requirements

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

About the EHR Incentive Programs Final Rule

On October 6, CMS released the [final rule](#) for the EHR Incentive Programs, which provides new criteria that eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs must meet in order to successfully participate in the EHR Incentive Programs in 2015 through 2017 and Stage 3 in 2018 and beyond.

Please read more in the [EHR Incentive Programs for Eligible Professionals: What You Need To Know for 2015 Tipsheet](#).

Please follow the link to access a page with all of the FAQs about the EHR Incentive Program: [New EHR Incentive Program FAQs](#)

EHR 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)	= 5,713	(\$ 120,792,112.00)
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 **\$279,702,055.00**

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