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- 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.

## WA Link4Health Project Update

The WA Link4Health project continues to move toward launch in early 2016. The interagency Privacy Work Group meets regularly to come to a shared interpretation of what is allowable and legally defensible under state and federal privacy laws. Protecting the consumer privacy in full compliance with all applicable laws is a foundational element to the adoption and robust health information exchange needed.

Some of the key project milestones achieved during the past month include:

- Confirmation of both HealthPoint and Franciscan Health System as early users of the CDR once it is available.
- Continued outreach to other health systems and providers that could benefit from submitting data to and querying the CDR.
- Commencement of early system testing and validation.
- Kickoff of readiness activities with the WA State DSHS and WA State Dept of Health.
- Hosting the WALink4Health Interagency Quarterly Meeting on November 3.

Finally, the project team is analyzing the newly announced modifications to Meaningful Use Stage 2 and outlining a justification to CMS that demonstrates how participation in the WA Link4Health Clinical Data Repository can satisfy multiple objectives. We will be seeking formal approval by CMS in our State Medicaid Health IT Plan to confirm our understanding and communicate this with providers at the earliest date feasible.

## What's Happening in Electronic Health Records

### EHR Survey - Please take survey by 11/5.

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is interested in your opinion regarding Stage 2 Meaningful Use (MU) requirement of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. By taking a few minutes to respond to this survey, you can help us identify barriers and solutions to assist in the timely achievement of system readiness and incentive payments.

\*\* If you are not the correct person for these questions, please forward this survey to the appropriate staff or vendor.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2TXWX7>

## CMS Update

CMS recently released a [final rule](#) that specifies criteria that eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. The final rule's provisions encompass 2015 through 2017 (Modified Stage 2) as well as Stage 3 in 2018 and beyond.

- Do you know that CMS has its own Listserv? [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.

Learn what you need to know about meeting EHR Incentive Programs requirements in 2015 by clicking [Program Requirements.](#)

View the CMS Webinar: EHR Incentive Programs Final Rule Overview and What You Need to Know for 2015 - [PDF Presentation.](#)

## 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)

### EP's

Paid for Year 1 (unique EPs)	=	5,522	(\$ 116,733,362.00)
Paid for Year 2	=	2,397	(\$ 20,252,681.00)
Paid for Year 3	=	1,210	(\$ 10,270,835.00)
Paid for Year 4	=	303	(\$ 2,572,667.00)

**Grand total paid (as of 10/26/15) = \$275,586,638.00**

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