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Rumor Control

The Washington Electronic Health Record (EHR) team has received several inquiries as to whether we, The Washington State Health Care Authority, will be using the money the Federal Government has allotted for providers attesting to Meaningful Use, to fund the new Clinical Data Repository. We at the Health Care Authority would like to assure all of our EHR providers that this is just a rumor. Providers who attest for AIU or MU will still receive the appropriate incentive amount for their provider type and year of attestation. If you have any questions, please contact us at HealthIT@hca.wa.gov.

Naturopaths

Naturopaths* are now eligible for the Electronic Health Record Incentive program. Please contact us at HealthIT@hca.wa.gov for further information or visit our website at www.HealthIT.wa.gov.

2016 is the Last Year to Start Participating in the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

If you are a qualifying provider type as listed below, you may qualify to receive \$21,250.00 for your first year of attesting to AIU and \$8,500.00 for each additional year you attest to MU. Program Year 2016 is the last year to begin the program. Starting in 2017, we will no longer accept **new** providers who wish to participate.

| Entity Type | Minimum 90-day Medicaid Patient Volume Threshold |
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| Physicians (including Naturopaths*) | 30% |
| Pediatricians (any medical provider with a Pediatrician Taxonomy that sees primarily pediatrics – dentist’s not included) | 20% |
| Dentists | 30% |
| Certified Nurse Midwives | 30% |
| Physician Assistants (PAs) practicing at an FQHC/RHC led by a PA | 30% |
| Nurse Practitioner | 30% |

Need Help?

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

Website: www.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

CMS Updates

FINAL RULE UPDATES: We are working with our EHR vendor on completing the updates necessary to the attestation application for the changes specified in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule. You can read more on the Final Rule here: 2015 Edition Health Information Technology (Health IT) Certification Criteria, 2015 Edition Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) Definition, and ONC Health IT Certification Program Modifications [Final Rule – October 6, 2015](#).

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.
- 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.

CMS has also recently released FAQs related to the release of the Final Rule updates. Some examples of CMS new FAQs:

- Guidance on EHR Incentive Programs Final Rule
- Meeting Public Health Objective for 2015 EHR Reporting Period

To read the full FAQs visit the [FAQ](#) page of the [CMS Website](#). Click on "Electronic Health Records Incentive Programs" in the left-hand column of the page.

WA Link4Health CDR Project Updates

The WA Link4Health Clinical Data Repository (CDR) project continues to move toward launch in early 2016. Protecting the consumer privacy in full compliance with all applicable laws is a foundational element to the adoption and robust health information exchange needed. To that end, the Interagency Privacy Work Group has been meeting regularly since September 2015. The group is working towards coming to a shared interpretation among state health agencies of what is allowable and legally defensible under state and federal privacy laws for the collection, use and sharing of health information in the context of the state's health information exchange. Planning for communication and outreach to stakeholders and partners is also underway.

The project team also had a very productive meeting with the Association of Public Hospital Districts (AWPHD) at the November 18 meeting in Wenatchee where our team was pleased to host a conversation about the CDR project updates, timeline and potential financial EHR benefits available for those participating.

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

- Planning for 2016 outreach to other health systems and providers that could benefit from submitting data to and querying the CDR.
- Continuation of system testing, larger data loads and data validation.
- Continuation of readiness activities with WA State DSHS and WA State DOH with regard to which staff might utilize the CDR, with access levels based on their role.
- Hosting the WA Link4Health Interagency Quarterly Meeting on November 3.
- Preparations for outreach to the EHR vendors to address any questions they may have about WA Link4Health and to clarify any technical requirements.

Finally, the project team is working with CMS to designate Continuity of Care Document (CCD) file submissions to the CDR as meeting the latest Meaningful Use requirement for exchanging summaries of care across vendor platforms. This will also be very important in addressing other key Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements around medication reconciliation and public health reporting.

EHR Incentive Payments in WA State

Hospitals:

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| 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) |

EPs:

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| Paid for Year 1 (unique EPs) | = 5,535 | (\$117,009,612.00) |
| 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 11/20/15) = \$275,862,888.00

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