

Washington State
Health Care Authority



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WA Link4Health Updates

The WA Link4Health project continues to move toward launching the Clinical Data Repository (CDR) in the first quarter of 2016. The deployment will be incremental, with additional functionality and access added throughout the rest of 2016. The initial “soft opening” will include a very limited number of provider organizations submitting their Continuity of Care (CCD) files, which are standard care summaries documents. That access will later be expanded to other providers with certified electronic health records (EHR) and additional functionality such as reports will be added.

One key activity now is testing, with initial efforts underway and more scheduled for January. These include security testing, data validation, role-based access testing, user acceptance testing and checking various technical components.

The project team has conducted extensive outreach to various stakeholders at the state and local levels, including peer state agencies and providers organizations interested in being early users of the CDR. In addition, the team will conduct two EHR vendor webinar sessions with updates about the project and to convey the need to work with OneHealthPort, the state HIE, to prepare their clients to submit files to the CDR.

Protecting the consumer privacy in full compliance with all applicable laws is a foundational element to the adoption of robust health information exchange. To that end, the Interagency Privacy Work Group has been meeting regularly since September 2015. The group is working toward a shared interpretation among state health and human service 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. Communication and outreach to stakeholders and partners continues as well.

Finally, 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.

Electronic Health Records Updates

To help eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) successfully participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program 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

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.

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 in Spring/Summer 2016, when the modifications for Meaningful Use have been implemented.

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.

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