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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 Updates

Work is well under way in preparing to launch the WALink4Health Clinical Data Repository Service (CDR). The Health Information Technology (HIT) team has scheduled meetings with several of the Major Delivery Systems over the next six weeks. Our team is looking forward to sharing the value of the CDR in supporting clinicians with near real-time information with which they can base their care decisions and care coordination efforts on behalf of their patients. So far the response has been very positive, with two major systems already registered with the state's appointed Health Information Exchange (HIE), OneHealthPort and preparing for testing activities.

Two members of the Health IT team recently attended the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) in Denver recently to analyze Meaningful Use rules and determine how use of the CDR service via the statewide HIE will help providers meet the ongoing stage requirements of Meaningful Use.

In response to the provider communities' request for the state to determine one high-level understanding of what is already covered for sharing under HIPAA, HCA's new Data Privacy and Security Manager, Karen Jensen, gathered attendees for the first in a series of meetings with a small, inter-agency work group made up of privacy subject matter experts and legal representatives from three stage one participating agencies to create a shared interpretation of what is legally defensible under state and federal law as it relates to health information exchange. They expect to have information to share with the greater community early in 2016.

If you would like more information about the WA Link4Health Clinical Data Repository, please watch the recorded webinar online at [healthit.wa.gov](http://healthit.wa.gov). If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving notifications and newsletters, please refer them to [healthit.wa.gov](http://healthit.wa.gov), click on the "contact us" menu option, and then sign up for GovDelivery notices at the top of the page.

## What's happening in Electronic Health Records?

### REMINDER

If you are a provider that intends to attest for either **AIU** (Adopt, Implement or Update) or **MU Stage 1- Year 1**, you do not have to wait until the proposed rule has been finalized!

AIU is not affected by the changes, and Stage 1-Year 1 will always have a 90-day reporting period. Some of the objectives may change, but you can still use the current objectives.

**The rules are currently the same as last year, except there is no Flexibility Rule. You must have a 2014 Certified Complete EHR.**

### What are the benefits to attesting now?

- This is the slow time of the year, so processing your attestations and receiving your \$21,250.00 AIU or \$8500.00 MU money is much faster.
- Faster response to questions and technical issues you may face.

### What happens if you wait until the new rule goes into effect?

- Your processing time might be much longer since all providers (in later stages) will then be allowed to attest.

We are always here if you have questions or need assistance.

- 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.

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## EHR Incentive Payments in WA State

### Hospitals:

Paid for Year 1 (unique Hosp.)	= 88	(\$ 63,781,127.00)
Paid for Year 2	= 74	(\$ 33,702,611.00)
Paid for Year 3	= 51	(\$ 20,117,381.00)
Paid for Year 4	= 25	(\$ 7,832,668.00)

### EPs:

Paid for Year 1 (unique EPs)	= 5,489	(\$116,032,112.00)
Paid for Year 2	= 2,390	(\$ 20,193,181.00)
Paid for Year 3	= 1,204	(\$ 10,219,835.00)
Paid for Year 4	= 297	(\$ 2,521,667.00)

**GRAND TOTAL PAID**

**\$ 274,400,582.00**

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