



Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Year 1 Overview



- Created by the HITECH Act
- Administered by Maryland under guidance and oversight of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Designed to provide financial incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHRs



Eligible Provider Types

- Physicians (M.D. and D.O.)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Nurse-Midwives
- Dentists
- Physician Assistants, only if practicing in a FQHC or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) “so led” by a Physician Assistant
- Certain hospitals



Eligibility Requirements

- Patient Volume
- Adoption and “Meaningful Use” of EHRs



Patient Volume Requirements

| Entity | Minimum Medicaid Patient Volume | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Physicians | 30% | Or EP practices predominately in FQHC or RHC with 30% needy individual patient volume |
| - Pediatrician | 20%* | |
| Dentist | 30% | |
| CNMs | 30% | |
| PAs when practicing at an FQHC/RHC that is so led by a PA | 30% | |
| NPs | 30% | |
| Acute Care Hospitals | 10% | |
| Children's Hospitals | No requirement | |

* Receives 2/3 of a Physician's incentive amount



How Much is Available?

| | All Practitioners (at least 30% Medicaid/need) | Pediatricians (at least 20% but less than 30% Medicaid) |
|--------------|---|--|
| Year 1 | \$21,250 | \$14,167 |
| Year 2 | \$8,500 | \$5,667 |
| Year 3 | \$8,500 | \$5,667 |
| Year 4 | \$8,500 | \$5,667 |
| Year 5 | \$8,500 | \$5,667 |
| Year 6 | \$8,500 | \$5,667 |
| Total | \$63,750 | \$42,500 |



Adoption, Implementation and/ or Upgrading EHR Technology

- *Adopt*: Acquire and install system
- *Implement*: Training, data migration, commence utilization
- *Upgrade*: Expand and improve existing system to meet definition of certified EHR technology



Meaningful Use (Year 2)

- After one year of AIU, EPs must meet meaningful use requirements
 - **90-day attestation**
- For Stage 1 meaningful use, same core and menu set as Medicare
 - Eligible Professions: Must meet 20 of 25 objectives, all 15 core objectives and 5 of 10 menu set objectives.
 - Eligible Hospitals: Must meet 19 of 24 objectives, all 14 core and 5 of 10 menu set objectives.



Meaningful Use Examples

| CORE SET | MENU SET |
|---|---|
| Drug-drug and drug-allergy checks | Summary of Care record |
| Clinical Quality Measures | Public health data submission* |
| E-Prescribing | Medication reconciliation (new patients) |
| CPOE | Identify and supply patient-specific care information |
| Up-to-date problem list of current and active diagnoses | Generate lists of patients by condition |



Maryland Program Requirements

- EPs must be enrolled with Medicaid FFS
 - Includes MCO-based providers
 - Special process for enrolling eligible PAs and certain unique provider types
 - Eligible rendering providers can participate, but payments will go to pay-to NPIs unless they change provider status

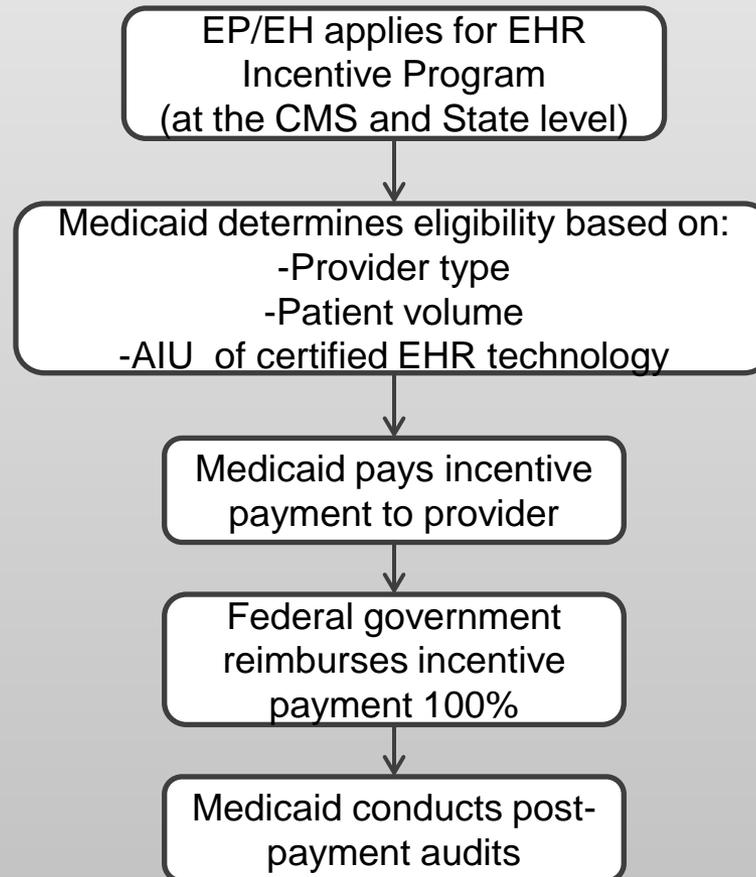


How To Participate

- Login to CMS Registration System:
 - <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>
 - Supply demographic/financial information
 - Select program (Medicare/Medicaid)
 - Select Maryland as participation State
- Login to DHMH website <https://emipp.dhmh.maryland.gov/>:
 - Verify eligibility (provider type and patient volume)
 - Attest to adopt, implement, upgrade or meaningful use of certified EHR technology



Implementation Overview





The EHR Program in Maryland

- Maryland providers and hospitals began enrollment with CMS in October, 2011
- Providers and hospitals began attestations with Maryland in December, 2011
- First payment made December 21, 2011
- 1,457 providers and 26 hospitals have initiated the application process with the State
- 473 payments processed (458 professionals, 15 hospitals), totaling \$32.5 million



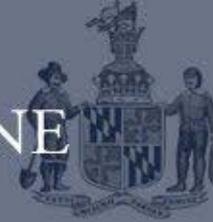
Key Next Steps

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- Registration and Attestation System upgrade
 - Allow providers to report Meaningful Use
- Audit Contractor

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- *Proposed Rule, Stage 2* potential changes
 - CHIP and non-paid encounters
 - Group flexibility



Questions?

- DHMH Informational Website

<http://mmcp.dhmf.maryland.gov/ehr/SitePages/Home.aspx>

- DHMH Contact

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