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Opportunities for Nevada Providers and Hospitals through Electronic Health Records Incentive Program

A great deal of progress has been made since launching the Nevada Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program with significant potential opportunity remaining for the providers and hospitals in Nevada. The EHR technology incentive program is a 6-year program. Every year that you are eligible to participate, you could receive an incentive payment for successful demonstration of meaningful use. Meaningful Use Stage 1 is where you need to demonstrate that you are beginning to use your EHR technology in your everyday practice.

What are providers required to do for stage 1?

To put it simply, you must demonstrate that you are using the system for what it is designed to do. There are a series of measures or action steps that you must demonstrate that you have used in your practice for a period of 90 days. You will need to provide the amount of patients that you serve and print some screen shots to demonstrate your system in action.

Please be aware that Eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) who are not meaningful users of certified EHR technology may be affected by the mandated Medicare EHR Incentive Program payment adjustments. These adjustments will be applied to your Medicare reimbursements starting January 1, 2015. To avoid the future adjustments, providers should attest to Meaningful Use.

Please read the "Payment Adjustment Tip Sheet" and "What Providers Need to Know" at the links shown below.

https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/PaymentAdj_HardshipExcepTipSheetforEP.pdf

https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/How_Payment_Adj_Affect_ProvidersTipsheet.pdf

The following resources are available to help you achieve Meaningful Use:

EHR Program Support	(888) 639-3452 or email NV_Support@NVEHRSupport.com
CMS Helpline	(888) 734-6433 (7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Central Time) Monday through Friday, except federal holidays
CMS Information site	http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/RegistrationandAttestation.html
CMS EHR FAQs	https://questions.cms.gov/faq.php?id=5005&rtopic=1979
Nevada HIT	Email your questions to: NevadaHIT@dhcfp.nv.gov
REC - HealthInsight	(800) 483-0932
DHCFP Website	https://dhcfp.nv.gov/EHRIncentives.htm