Why is Meaningful Use Important to the Revenue Cycle?

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Meaningful Use

What is meaningful about Meaningful Use?

• How will it impact patients?
• How will it impact my facility?
• How will it impact me?
• Why is CMS doing this?
5 Facts You Need to Know

1. What is a certified product?
2. Difference between criteria and objectives?
3. What providers are impacted?
4. Who is the ONC, NIST and EHR/CMS?
5. Who tests the products and how are they tested?
Medicare and Medicaid

- Can we apply for funds for both?
- What are the differences between them?
MEDITECH Certification

- Complete EHR vs. modular
- What are their plans?
- Why does it matter?
Meeting Meaningful Use

- What are the incentives if we do?
- What happens if we do not?
- What is the time frame involved?
- What is to come? 2015 and beyond
Stage 2 and 3

- Every 2 years
- Stage 2 begins April 2012
CWS, ADM, PFS and MU

- How will Meaningful Use impact our day to day work?
- What are some of the objectives that you need to know?
Attestation

What is it and what are the steps involved?

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The Certified HIT Product List (CHPL) provides the authoritative, comprehensive listing of Complete EHRs and EHR Modules that have been tested and certified under the Temporary Certification Program maintained by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC). Each Complete EHR and EHR Module listed below has been certified by an ONC-Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB) and reported to ONC. Only the product versions that are included on the CHPL are certified under the ONC Temporary Certification Program.

Please send suggestions and comments regarding the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) to ONC.certification@hhs.gov, with “CHPL” in the subject line.

Vendors or developers with questions about their product’s listing should contact the ONC-Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB) that certified their product.

**USING THE CHPL WEBSITE**

To browse the CHPL and review the comprehensive listing of certified products, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Select your practice type by selecting the Ambulatory or Inpatient buttons below
2. Select the “Browse” button to view the list of CHPL products

To obtain a CMS EHR Certification ID, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Select your practice type by selecting the Ambulatory or Inpatient buttons below
2. Search for EHR Products by browsing all products, searching by product name or searching by criteria met
3. Add product(s) to your cart to determine if your product(s) meet 100% of the required criteria
4. Request a CMS EHR Certification ID for CMS registration or attestation from your cart page

**STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PRACTICE TYPE**

- [Ambulatory Practice Type]
- [Inpatient Practice Type]
The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs provide a financial incentive for the "meaningful use" of certified EHR technology to achieve health and efficiency goals. By putting into action and meaningfully using an EHR system, providers will reap benefits beyond financial incentives—such as reduction in errors, availability of records and data, reminders and alerts, clinical decision support, and e-prescribing/refill automation.

Here, you will find resources with more information as well as a CMS EHR meaningful use criteria summary.

Click on the links below to learn more:

- What is "Meaningful Use?"
- What are the "Criteria for Meaningful Use?"
- How do I Meet Meaningful Use Requirements?
- What are the requirements for "Stage 1 of Meaningful Use (2011 and 2012)?"
- What are "Clinical Quality Measures?"
- What can I Learn from Meaningful Use Objectives Specification Sheets?
- Downloads, related links:

What is "Meaningful Use?"
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 specifies three main components of Meaningful Use:

1. The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner, such as e-prescribing.
2. The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care.
3. The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.

Simply put, "meaningful use" means providers need to show they’re using certified EHR technology in ways that can be measured significantly in quality and in quantity.

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CMS EHR Meaningful Use Criteria Summary

The criteria for meaningful use will be staged in three steps over the course of the next five years.

- Stage 1 (2011 and 2012) sets the baseline for electronic data capture and information sharing.
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The Official Website for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Programs

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Registration for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is now open. Participate early to get the maximum incentive payments!

Check the links below for up-to-date, detailed information about the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs.

- Use the [Path to Payment](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms) page to find out how to participate in these programs.
- [Overview of the Medicare EHR Incentive Program](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms).
- [Overview of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms).
- Calendar of important dates.
- [Downloads and related links](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms).

**Electronic Health Record (EHR) or Electronic Medical Record (EMR)?**

Sometimes people use the terms "Electronic Medical Record" or "EMR" when talking about Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology. Very often an Electronic Medical Record or EMR is just another way to describe an Electronic Health Record or EHR, and both providers and vendors sometimes use the terms interchangeably. For the purposes of the Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs, eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must use certified EHR technology. Certified EHR technology gives assurance to purchasers and other users that an EHR system or module offers the necessary technological capability, functionality, and security to help them meet the meaningful use criteria. Certification also helps providers and patients be confident that the electronic health IT products and systems they use are secure, can maintain data confidentially, and can work with other systems to share data.

Photo courtesy of CMS website: [http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms)
Attestation

Attestation for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program opens April 16th. Click here to attest.

What do I need to do to receive my Medicare EHR incentive payment?

1. Successfully register for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program;
2. Meet meaningful use criteria using certified EHR technology; and
3. Successfully attest, using CMS' Web-based system, that you have met meaningful use criteria using certified EHR technology.

Did you register for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs?

We encourage providers to register as soon as possible for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program(s). Visit our Registration page for more information.

Do you have questions about attestation?

Get answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about attestation. We will be updating this page soon, so check back often.

- How will I attest for the Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs?
- When can I attest?
- What can I do now to prepare for attestation?
- Where can I find user guides and other resources?
- What will I need to login to the Attestation System?
- What is the EHR Certification Number?
- I am an Eligible Provider. Can I designate a third party to register and/or attest on my behalf?
- When will I get paid?
- How will I get paid?
- Will CMS conduct audits?

How will I attest for the Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs?

Medicare eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals will have to demonstrate meaningful use through CMS’ web-based programs and attestation systems. Medicare Attestation: Medicare EHR Incentive Programs, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.

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