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2018 Medicare Electronic Health Record Attestation Overview for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals

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What is Changing?

• For **Medicare eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs)**, the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program attestation process has migrated from the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System to **QualityNet Secure Portal (QNet)**.

• As of January 2, 2018, eligible hospitals and CAHs attesting to CMS for the EHR Incentive Program must submit their Calendar Year (CY) 2017 attestations through QNet.

• CAHs that attest to CMS for the EHR Incentive Program using QNet also have the option to attest to CMS for Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) or electronically report CQMs using QNet.
What is Changing?

• The Registration and Attestation System is still available for Medicaid eligible hospitals. Medicaid-only hospitals should contact their state Medicaid agencies for specific information on how to attest.

• Prior year attestations are now view only on the Registration and Attestation System for Medicare eligible hospitals and CAHs.

• Hospitals and CAHs attesting for both Medicare and Medicaid (as dually-eligible hospitals) must register and attest for Medicare on the QNet portal and update and submit registration information in the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System.
What Do You Need to Do?

• On October 1, 2017, CMS opened the new user enrollment registration on the QNet portal.

• You can take one of two actions:
  1. **If you don’t have an account on QNet** already from previous CQM submissions, you’ll need to create a new one before you attest.
     - For help with enrollment and registration, review the QNet User Guides on the CMS.gov Eligible Hospital Information webpage.
  2. **If you or the person/department at your hospital who usually submits EHR data already has an account**, you’ll need to update that existing account by adding the “MU” role before attesting.
When Can You Attest?

• As of January 2, 2018, QNet opened for 2017 Medicare EHR Incentive Program attestation.

• If you have authorized a surrogate to attest for you, they need to create their own QNet account to attest using your data.

• At this time, vendors are not able to electronically attest on behalf of hospital clients.
Key Dates and Milestones

October 1, 2017
- Eligible hospitals and CAHs new to QNet can enroll
- Eligible hospitals and CAHs that are existing QNet users can add MU role to accounts

January 2, 2018
- Attestation period begins
- QNet system opens for eligible hospitals and CAHs

February 28, 2018
- Attestation period ends
Hospital Transition Resources

» CMS.gov Eligible Hospital Information page

» QualityNet Enrollment User Guide

» Hospital Transition Overview Fact Sheet

» QualityNet User Role Management Guide

» QualityNet Hospital Registration and Attestation User Guide for Calendar Year 2017

» QualityNet Hospital Objectives and Clinical Quality Measures User Guide for Calendar Year 2017
Questions and Answers
Thank you!