



EHR Incentive Programs

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Updated EHR FAQs: Information on Sequestration and Guidance on Attestation

CMS had posted two updated FAQs related to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. FAQs include information on how EHR incentive payments will be affected by sequestration, as well as guidance on how to successfully attest following an EHR vendor transition. We encourage you to stay informed by taking a few minutes to review these FAQs.

1. **Question:** Will incentive payments earned in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive programs be affected by sequestration?

Answer: Incentive payments made through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program are subject to the mandatory reductions in federal spending known as sequestration, required by the Budget Control Act of 2011. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 postponed sequestration for 2 months. As required by law, President Obama issued a sequestration order on March 1, 2013... [Read the full answer here.](#)

2. **Question:** For the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, how should an EP, eligible hospital, or critical access hospital (CAH) attest if the certified EHR vendor being used is switched to another certified EHR vendor in the middle of the program year?

Answer: If an EP, eligible hospital or CAH switches from one certified EHR vendor to another during the program year, the data collected for the selected menu objectives and quality measures should be combined from both of the EHR systems for attestation. The count of unique patients does not need to be reconciled when combining from the two EHR

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