

Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Payment Schedule for Eligible Professionals

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In October 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a final rule that modified the requirements for participation in the Promoting Interoperability (PI) Programs in 2015 through 2017 as well as in 2018 and beyond. The Medicaid PI Program provides incentive payments for Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) who adopt, implement, upgrade (AIU), or meaningfully use certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) in their first year of participation in the program, and successfully demonstrate meaningful use in subsequent years. EPs may receive Medicaid EHR incentive payments for up to six years; 2016 was the last year to begin participation and 2021 is the final year for Medicaid EHR incentive payments.

All states and territories offer the Medicaid PI Program voluntarily, and determine program milestones, such as attestation timelines and reporting periods.

To participate in the in the Medicaid PI Program as an EP, you must be one of the following:

- Physician (Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy)
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Nurse-Midwife
- Dentist
- Physician Assistant who provides services in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic led by a Physician Assistant

Note: In certain states, optometrists are eligible to participate in the Medicaid PI Program. For an optometrist to be eligible, the state Medicaid program must cover adult optometry services under physician services in the Medicaid State Plan.

To qualify for a Medicaid incentive payment, an EP must also meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a minimum 30 percent Medicaid patient volume
- Be a pediatrician and have a minimum 20 percent Medicaid patient volume
- Practice predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic and have a minimum 30 percent patient volume attributable to underserved patients

EPs who AIU, or meaningfully used CEHRT in their first year of participation in the program and successfully demonstrated meaningful use in subsequent years may have been eligible for an initial incentive payment of \$21,250. In subsequent years, a Medicaid EP's incentive payment is limited to \$8,500.

The table below outlines the Medicaid PI Program payment schedule for EPs from 2011 – 2021.

For more information on the Medicaid EHR PI Program, visit the [Medicaid State Information page](#) on the PI Programs [website](#).

Payment Schedule for Medicaid PI Programs EPs from 2011 - 2021							
		First Payment					
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Payment Amount	2011	\$21,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2012	\$8,500.00	\$21,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2013	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$21,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2014	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$21,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2015	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$21,250.00	\$0.00
	2016	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$21,250.00
	2017	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
	2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
	2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
	2020	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	
TOTAL Incentive Payments		\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00

