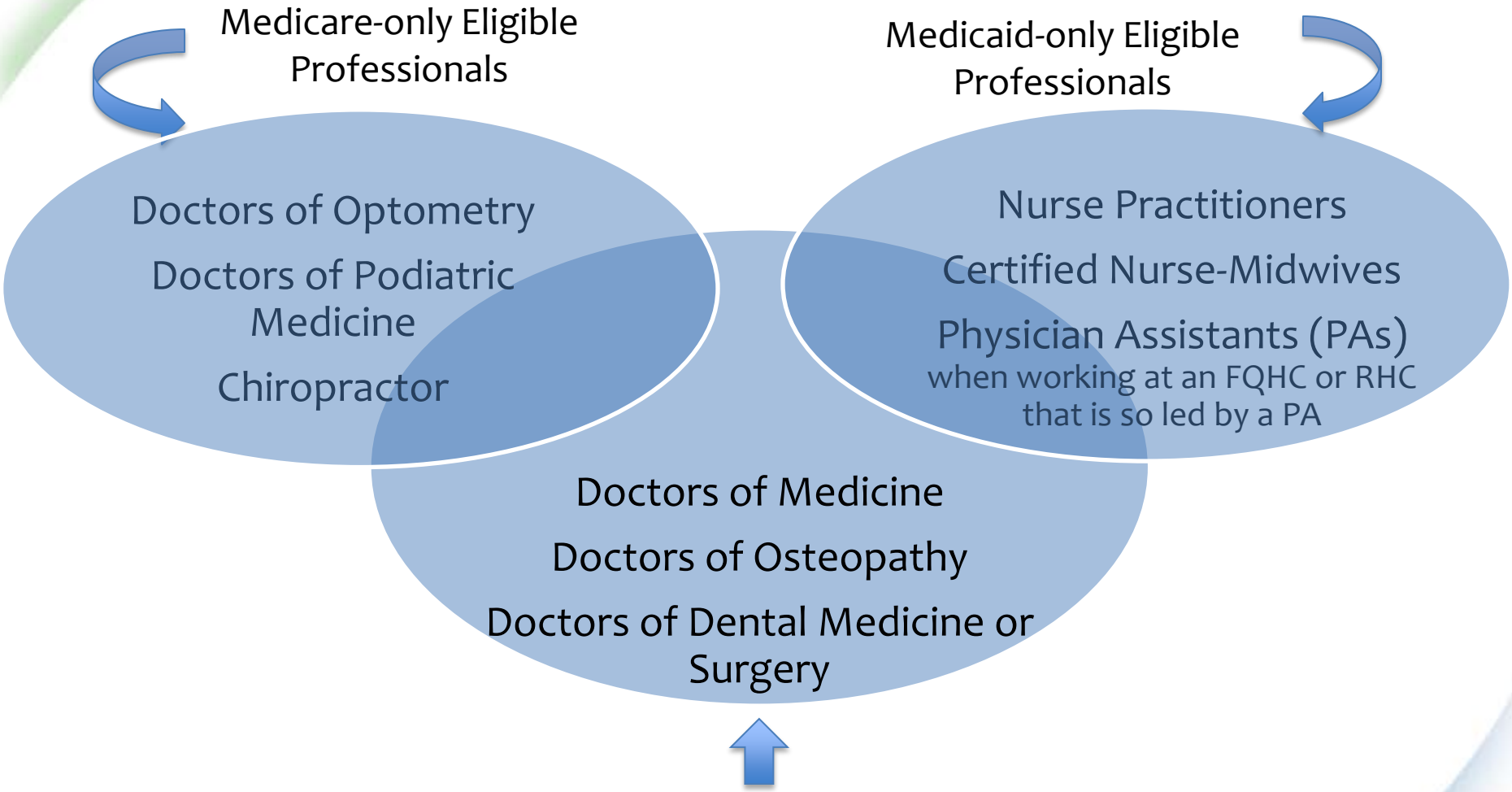
Understanding Eligibility & Registration for the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs – Eligible Professionals

National Provider Call

April 1, 2011

Agenda

- Eligibility for Incentives
- Pre-registration
- Registration
- Switching between Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs
- Reassigning Payments
- Helpful Resources
- Q&A Session


Medicare-only Eligible Professionals
Medicaid-only Eligible Professionals
Doctors of Optometry
Doctors of Podiatric Medicine
Chiropractor
Nurse Practitioners
Certified Nurse-Midwives
Physician Assistants (PAs)
when working at an FQHC or RHC that is so led by a PA
Doctors of Medicine
Doctors of Osteopathy
Doctors of Dental Medicine or Surgery
Could be eligible for both Medicare & Medicaid

Medicare Eligible Professionals

- Must be a physician (defined as MD, DO, DDM/DDS, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor)
- Must have Part B Medicare allowed charges
- Must not be hospital-based
- Must be enrolled in Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) and in an 'approved status' , living

Before you Register

Eligible Professional should have the following:

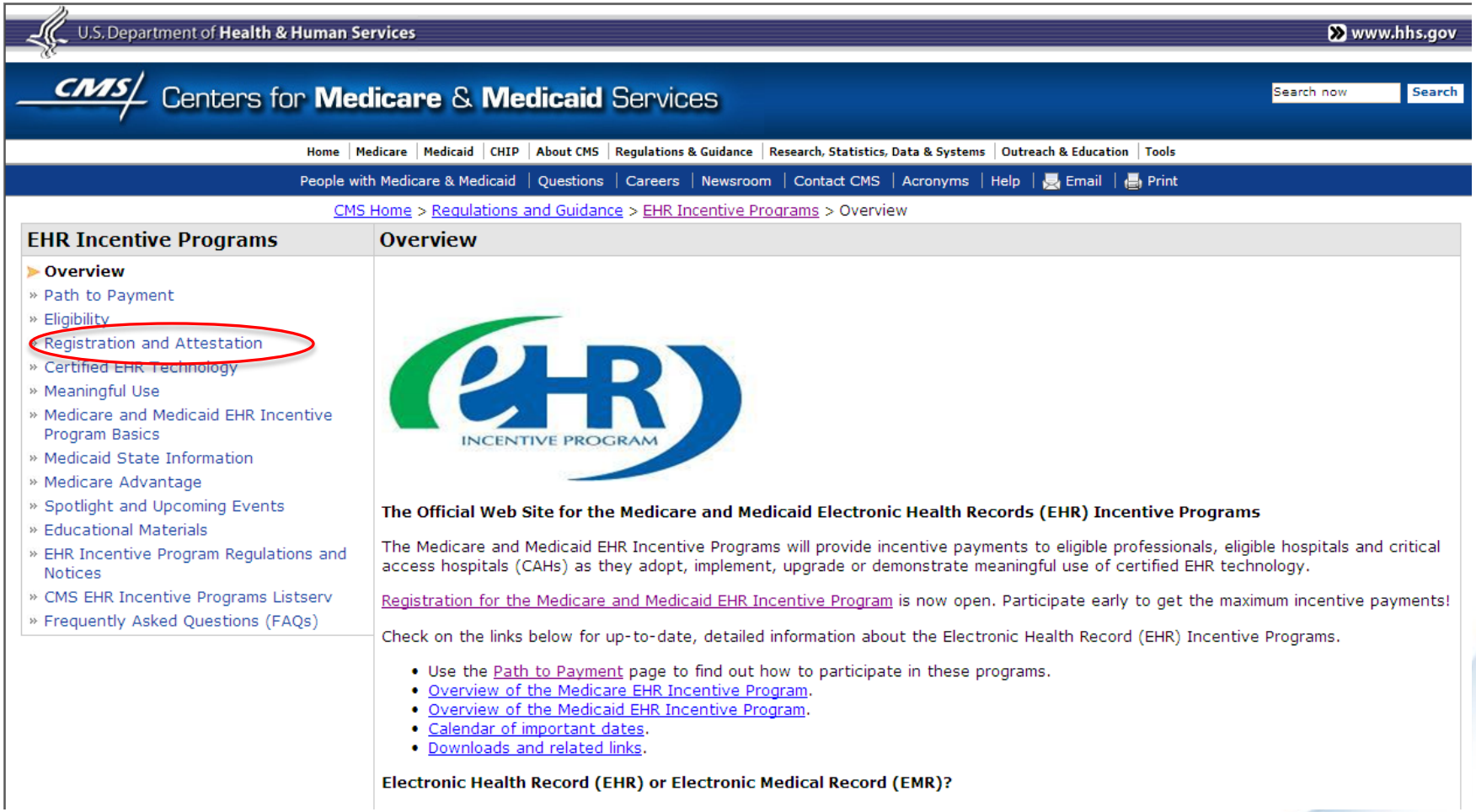
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web user account
- Be currently enrolled in Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)
  - If you are not enrolled in PECOS then you should still register for the EHR Incentive Program
- Payee NPI (if you are reassigning your benefits)

Register for the EHR Incentive Programs

- Visit the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website
  - Click on the Registration tab
  - Complete your registration

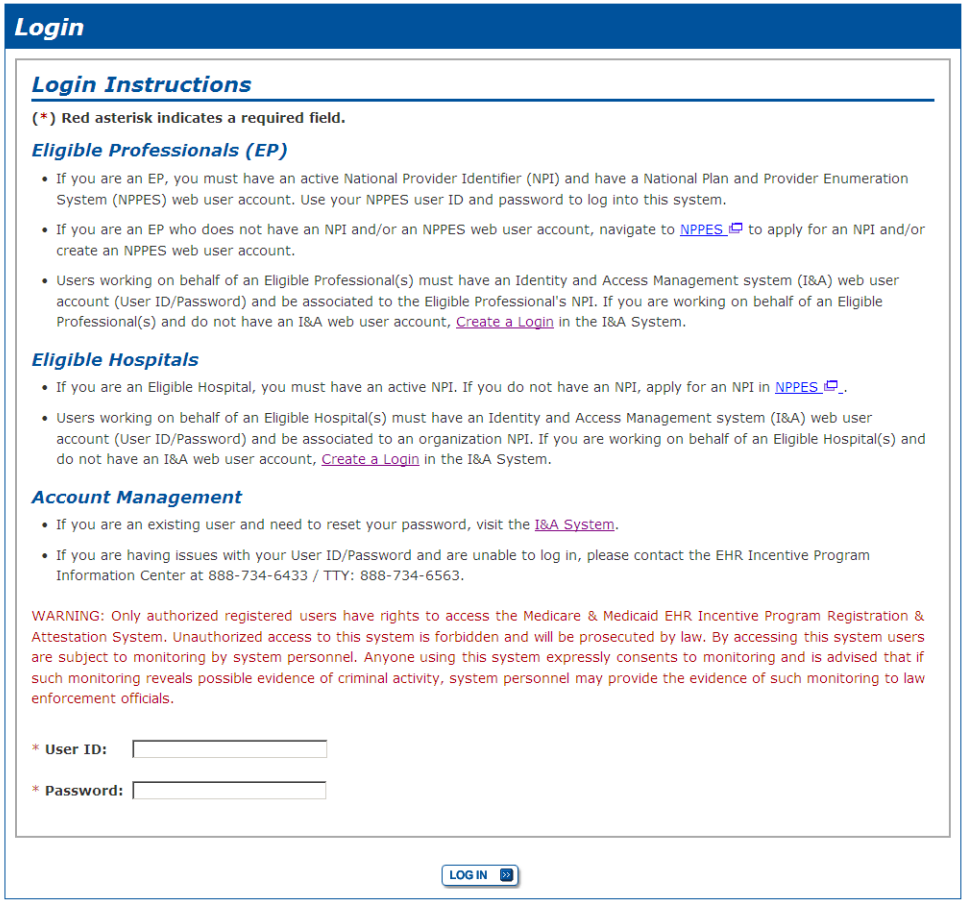
https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/

EHR Incentive Programs Website



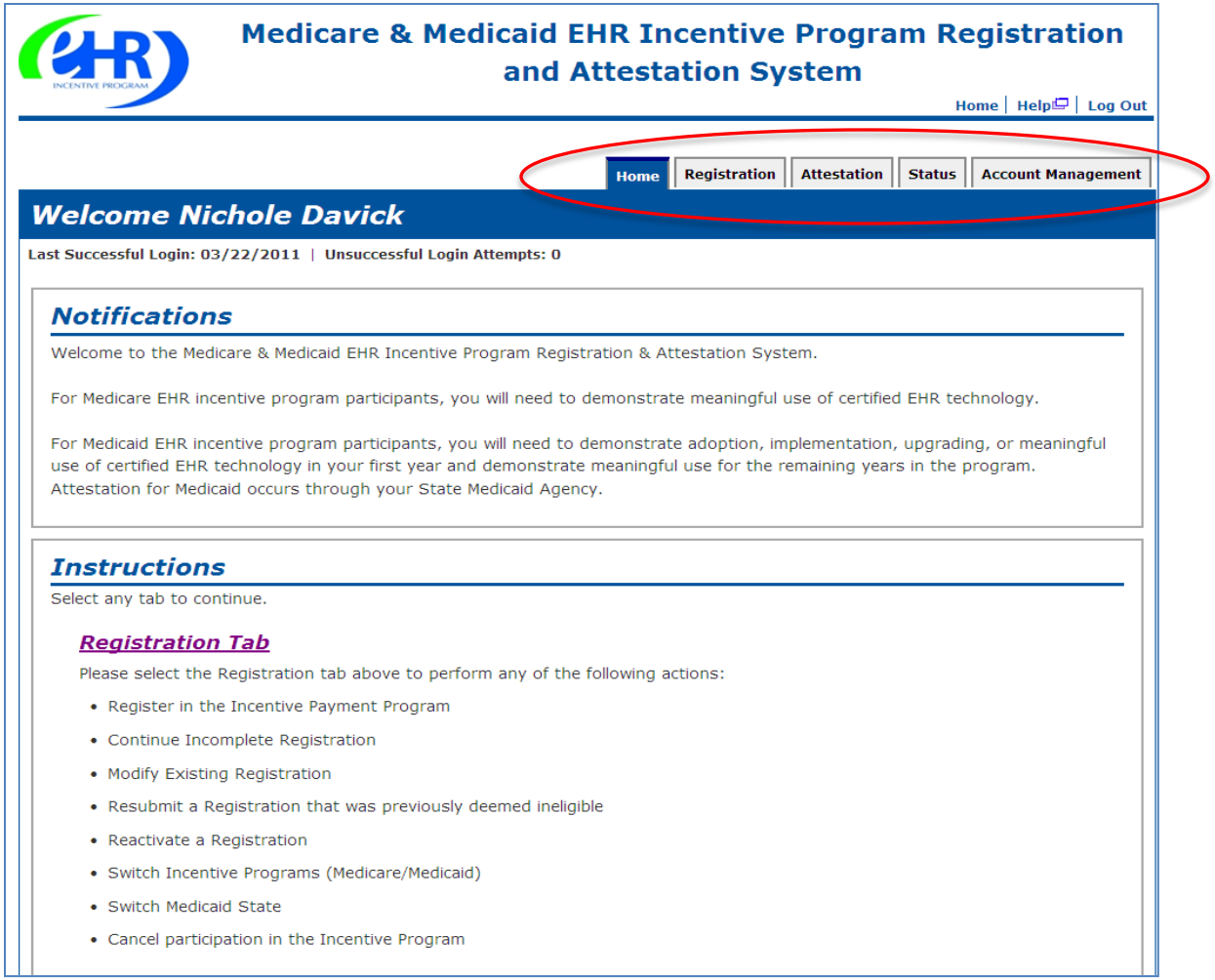
Registration Link and Registration User Guides

EHR Incentive Program Registration Module - Login

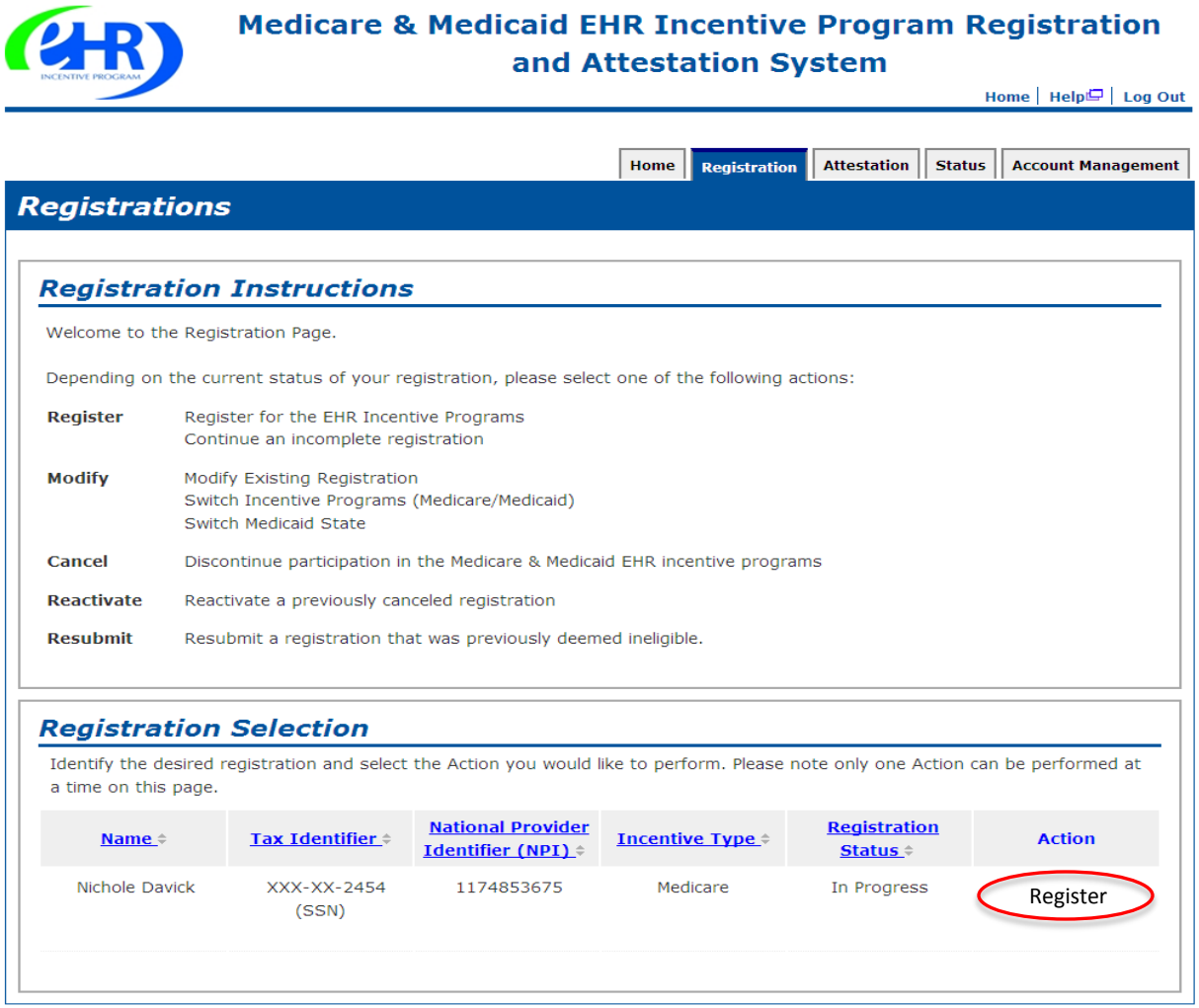


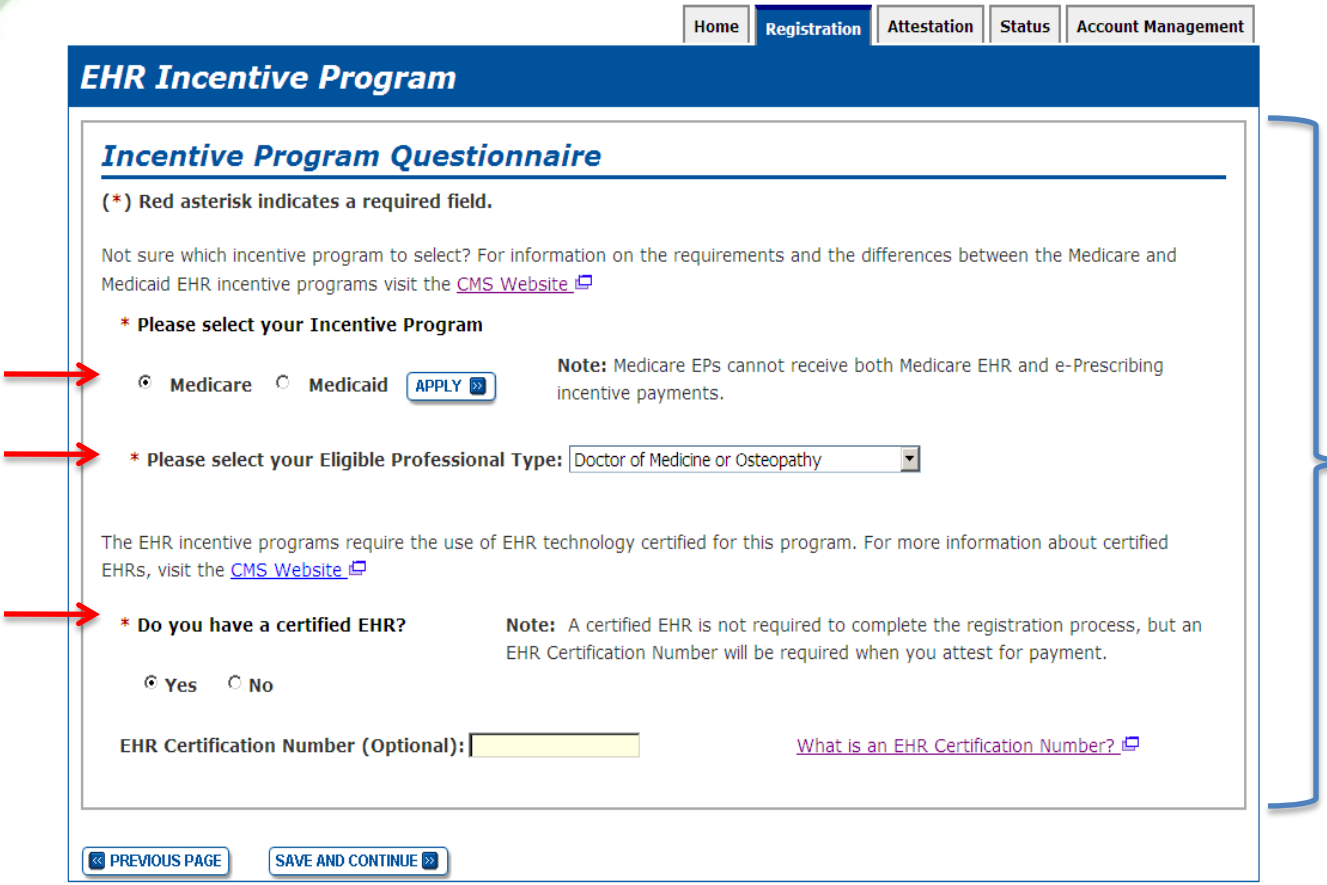
Enter the NPPES web User ID and Password

User ID and Password are case sensitive



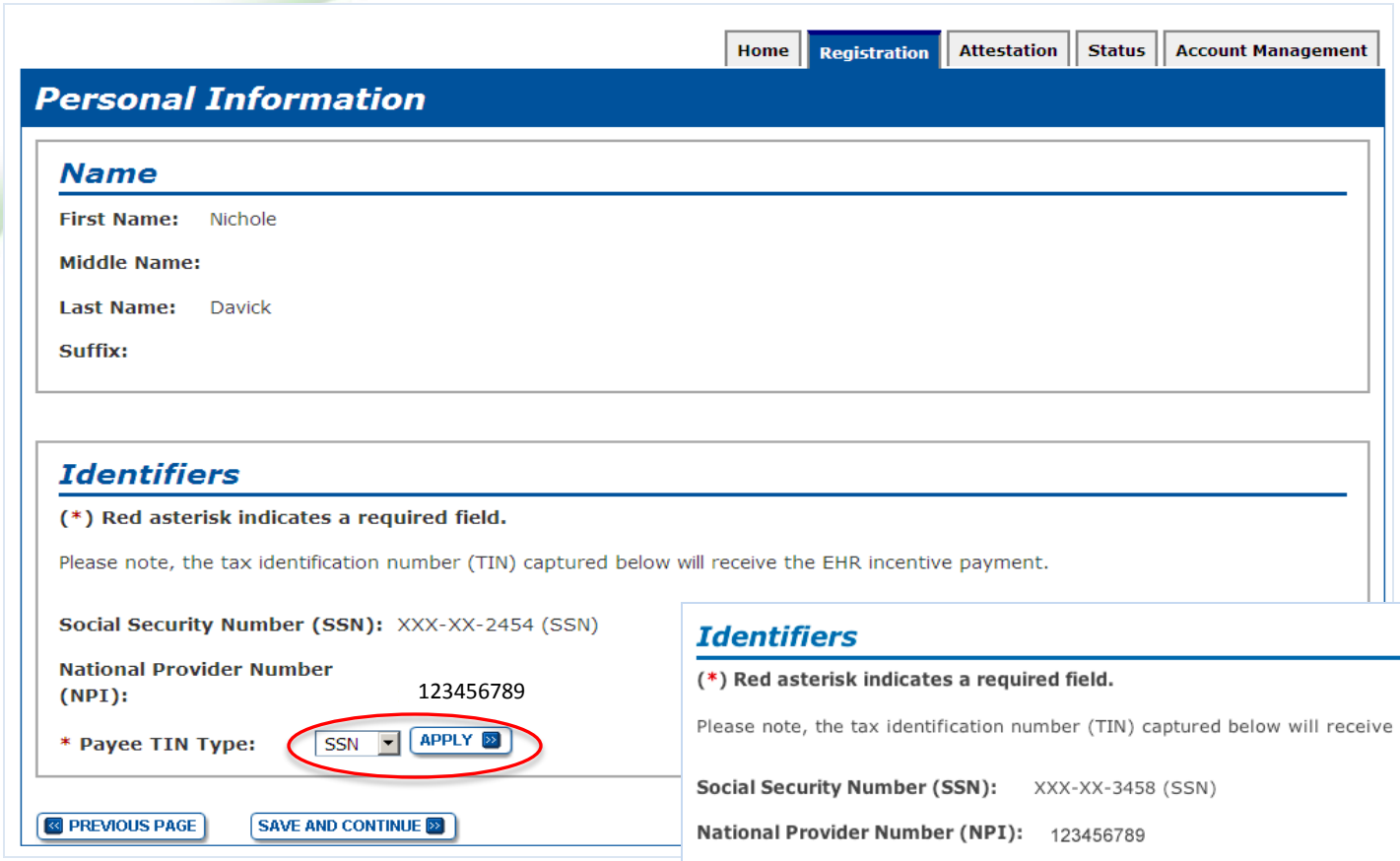
Tabs will guide users through each phase

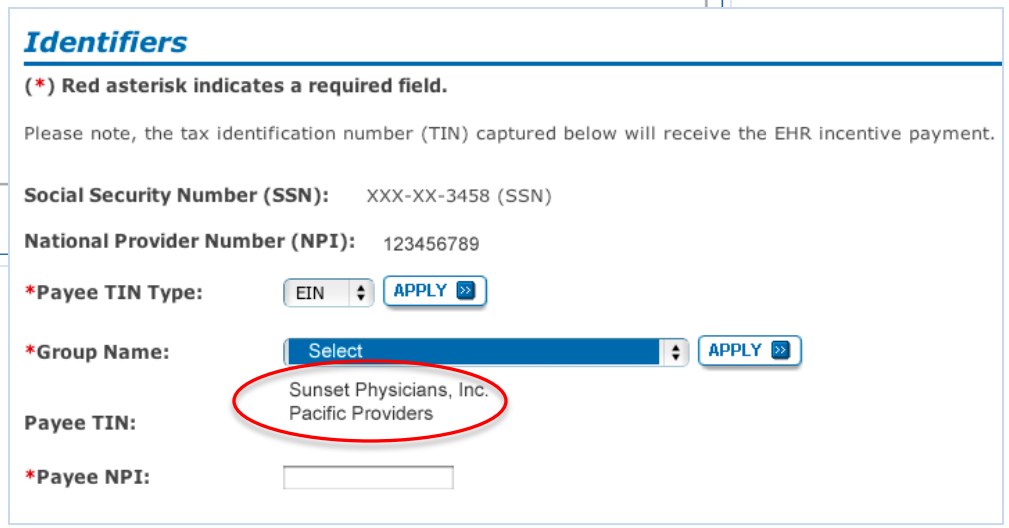

Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System
Home | Help | Log Out
Home
Registration
Attestation
Status
Account Management
Registrations
Registration Instructions
Welcome to the Registration Page.
Depending on the current status of your registration, please select one of the following actions:
Register
Register for the EHR Incentive Programs
Continue an incomplete registration
Modify
Modify Existing Registration
Switch Incentive Programs (Medicare/Medicaid)
Switch Medicaid State
Cancel
Discontinue participation in the Medicare & Medicaid EHR incentive programs
Reactivate
Reactivate a previously canceled registration
Resubmit
Resubmit a registration that was previously deemed ineligible.
Registration Selection
Identify the desired registration and select the Action you would like to perform. Please note only one Action can be performed at a time on this page.
Name
Tax Identifier
National Provider Identifier (NPI)
Incentive Type
Registration Status
Action
Nichole Davick
XXX-XX-2454 (SSN)
1174853675
Medicare
In Progress
Register



SELECT
- Program type
- Provider type
- EHR Certification Number (optional at registration)

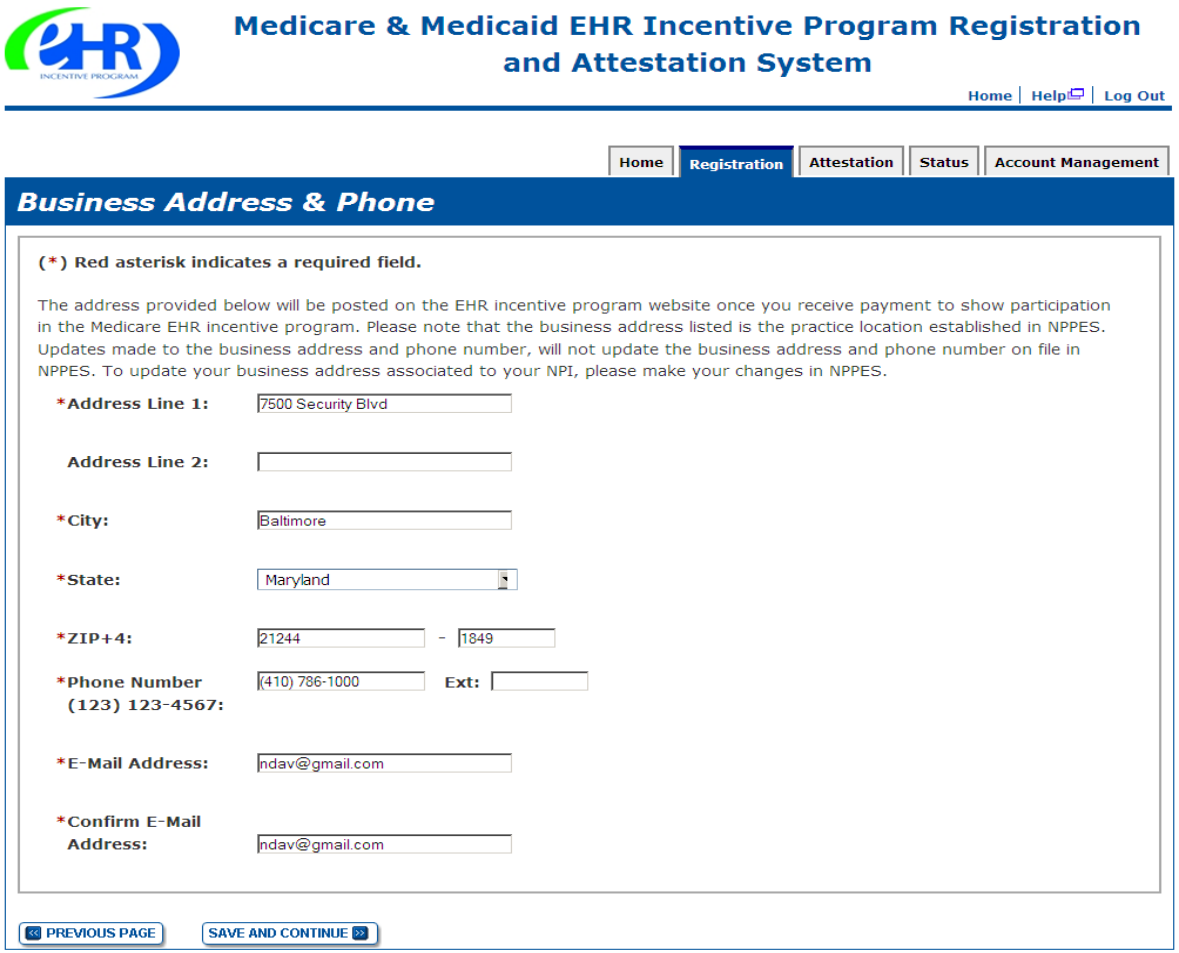
For the certified health IT product list visit;
http://healthit.hhs.gov/CHPL



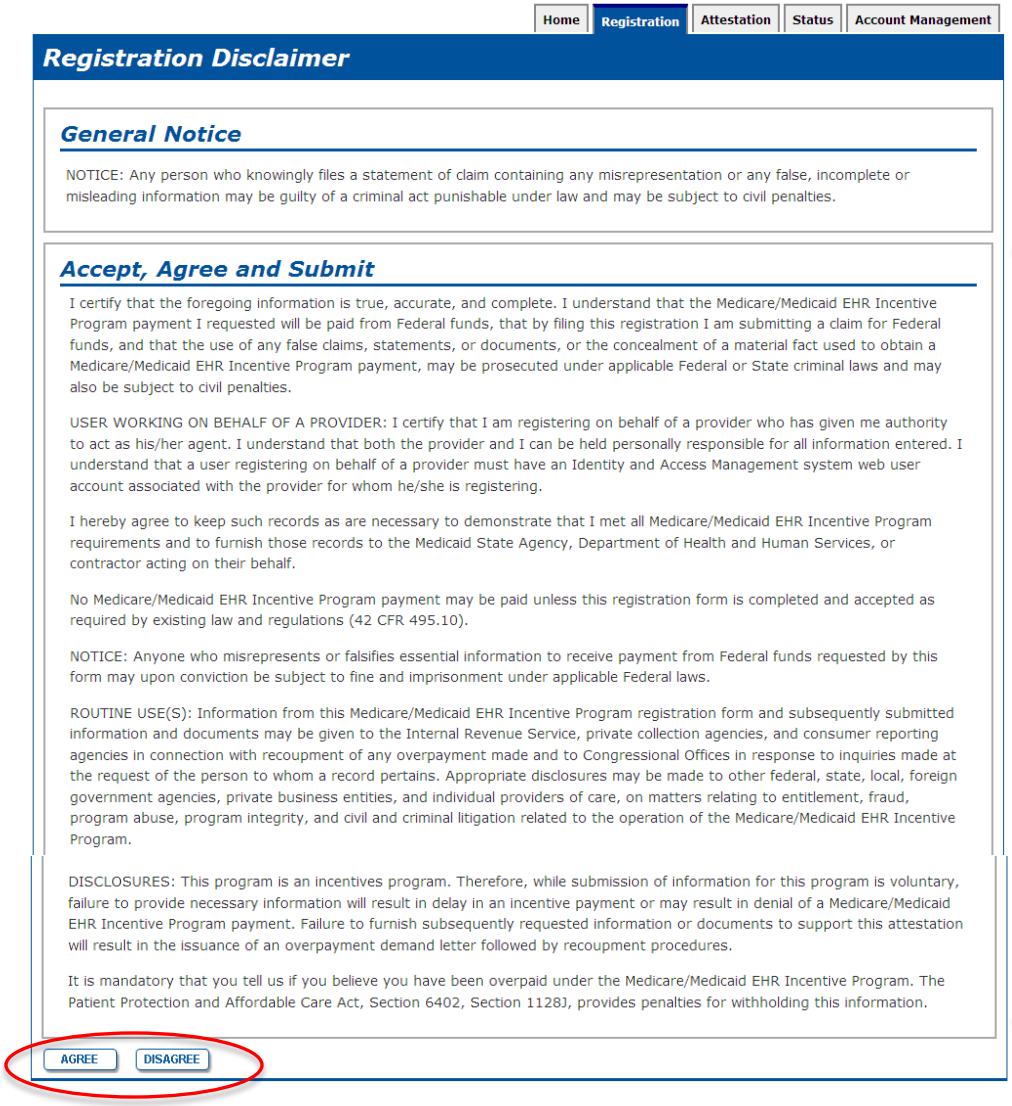


Medicare Information is pulled from PECOS

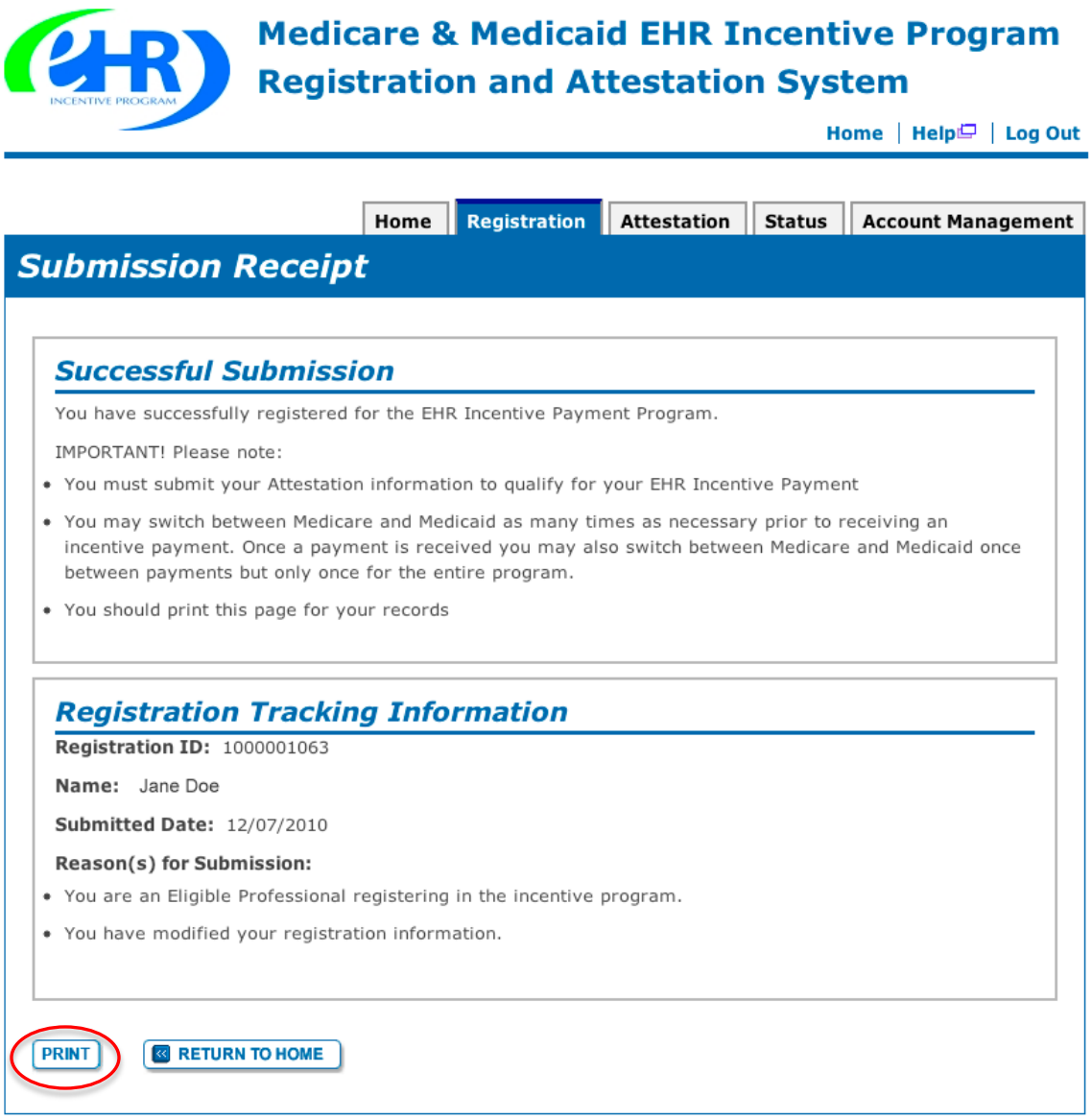
Select where your payment will go in the Payee TIN Type.
SSN = provider receives EIN = group receives
Enter the Payee NPI



Address will be posted on the program website once you receive payment



Read the Registration Disclaimer and choose AGREE or DISAGREE

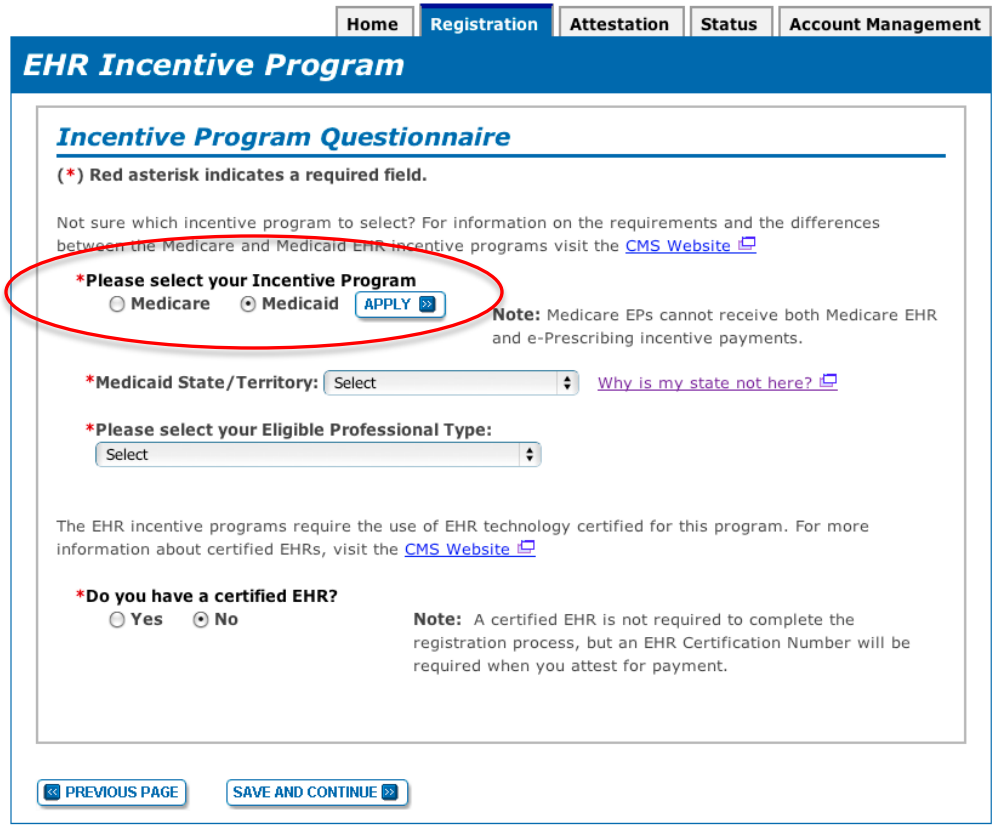


This completes your registration

Print the receipt for your records

Switching between Programs

Eligible Professionals may switch programs once after having received an incentive payment, but the switch must occur before 2015



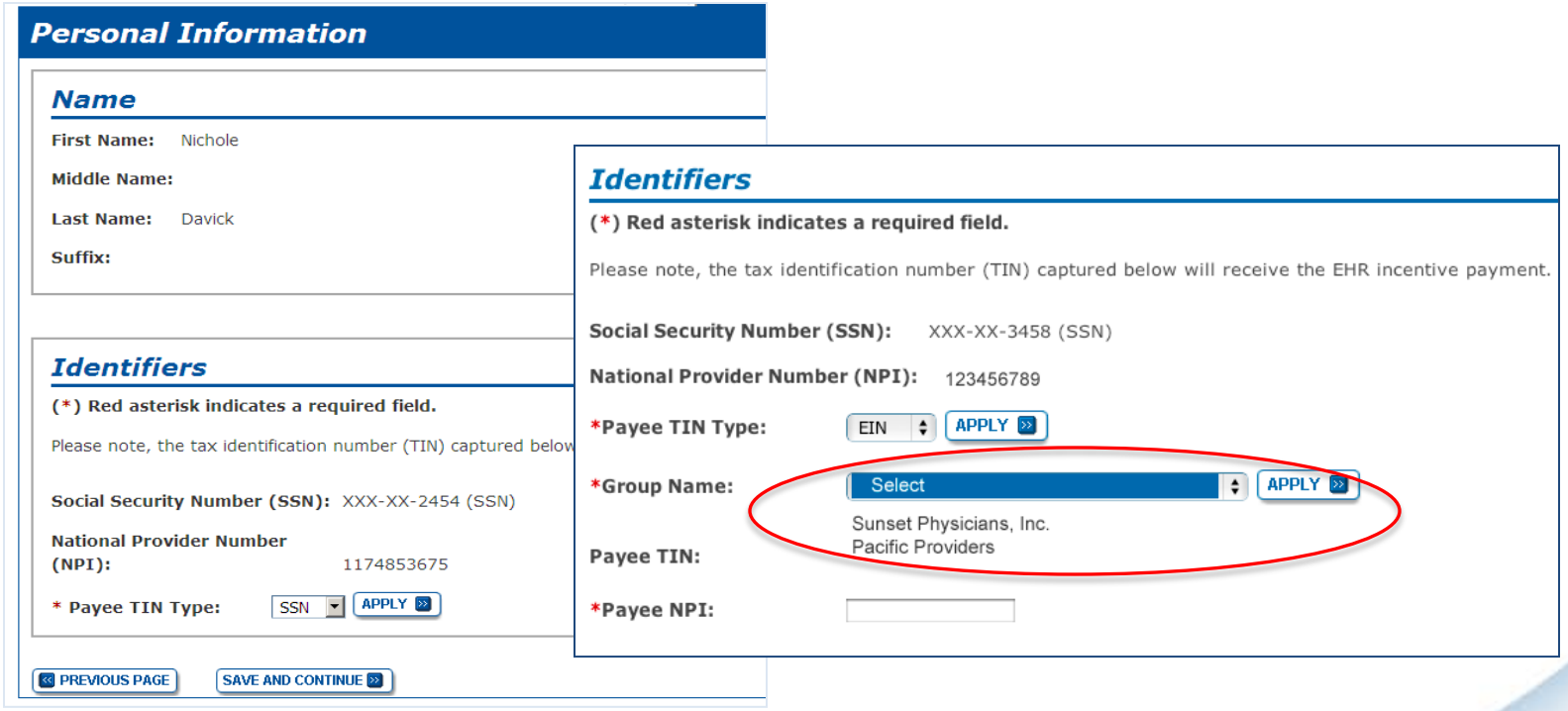
Notable Differences between the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

Medicare	Medicaid
Federal Government will implement (will be an option nationally)	Voluntary for States to implement (may not be an option in every State)
Payment reductions begin in 2015 for providers that do not demonstrate Meaningful Use	No Medicaid payment reductions
Must demonstrate MU in Year 1	A/I/U option for 1st participation year
Maximum incentive is $44,000 for EPs (10% bonus for EPs in HPSAs)	Maximum incentive is $63,750 for EPs
Meaningful Use definition is common for Medicare	States can adopt certain additional requirements for Meaningful Use
Last year a provider may initiate program is 2014; Last year to register is 2016; Payment adjustments begin in 2015	Last year a provider may initiate program is 2016; Last year to register is 2016
Only physicians, subsection (d) hospitals and CAHs	5 types of EPs, acute care hospitals (including CAHs) and children's hospitals

AIU = Adopt, Implement and Upgrade
CAH = Critical Access Hospital
HPSA = Health Professional Shortage Area

Reassigning Payments

Medicare EPs can elect to have their payment go to another entity by selecting Payee TIN Type of EIN. (Choosing this option will activate a list of entities list that the EP reassigned Medicare benefits to in PECOS)



Medicare
EP Path to Payment

- Make sure you are eligible for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- Get registered
- Meaningful user of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology
- Obtain your EHR certification number from The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) website

  http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert
- Attest to core, menu, and clinical quality measures

Helpful Resources

- CMS EHR Incentive Program website
  www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Final Rule
  - Eligibility wizard
  - Listserv
- HHS Office of National Coordinator Health IT - certified EHR technology list
  http://healthit.hhs.gov/CHPL
- Regional Extension Centers (RECs)
- Attestation User Guides coming soon

Questions & Answers