



EHR Incentive Programs

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Updated Message on Important Information on Registration for the EHR Incentive Programs

This message is an updated version of the registration listserv message that was sent by CMS on October 4. This version of the message provides updated language to help providers understand the difference in registration and attestation dates for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs.

CMS wants to remind eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) of the key registration and attestation dates for the EHR Incentive Programs, and provide information to help them successfully register and start their path to payment for 2011.

Important Registration Details for Medicare and Medicaid

- **Medicare** - November 30, 2011, is the last day for Medicare eligible hospitals and CAHs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for Federal fiscal year 2011.
- **Medicare** - February 29, 2012, is the last day for Medicare EPs to register and attest to receive an incentive payment for calendar year 2011.
- **Medicaid** - Each state may have different attestation deadlines. Please check with your [State Medicaid agency](#) to find out the last day you can attest.

When Should Providers Register?

CMS encourages providers to register for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program(s) as soon as possible to avoid payment delays. Please note that not all states have launched a Medicaid EHR Incentive Program yet. EPs will not be able to complete their registration for the Medicaid EHR Incentive

Program until their state's program has launched and that state's site has opened. Eligible professionals should check their state's [status](#).

Note: Providers can register before they have a certified EHR and can also register if they do not have an enrollment record in PECOS.

Registration Resources

CMS has a number of resources to help providers successfully register for the EHR Incentive Programs:

- Step-by-step registration guides, available on CMS' [Registration page](#).
- A number of [FAQs](#) about registration on the EHR Incentive Programs website.
- Webinars on YouTube to help guide providers through the registration process— one for [EPs](#), and one for [hospitals](#).

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