



EHR Incentive Programs

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In case you missed CMS at HIMSS

CMS was in Orlando, Florida February 20-24 for the HIMSS 2011 Annual Conference & Exhibition. The event was a huge success. Over 30,000 people attended, many of whom stopped by the CMS booth to meet representatives from the agency and speak about how to take advantage of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs' payments.

Computers were available at the booth for CMS representatives to demonstrate the registration process. Many attendees left the booth with a better understanding of the registration system and what information is needed to [register](#).

Attendees watched a registration webinar demonstration that played at the booth, and a video success story of two doctors in Oklahoma who have each received a Medicaid incentive payment for upgrading to EHRs. The videos encouraged many attendees to learn more about the Programs and register.

CMS representatives provided answers to a range of questions, which included program specifications such as:

- Incentive Program participants register only once, but attest every year.
- Eligible professionals (EP) in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program can receive the maximum total payment if they qualify to receive the first payment by 2012.
- Details about the Stage 1 meaningful use objectives for [EPs](#) and [hospitals](#).

We look forward to participating in next year's HIMSS Conference, and hope that you can join us there!

Also, don't miss us at the upcoming National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Annual Rural Health Conference, May 3-6 in Austin, Texas. We will be located at Booth 101 in the exhibition hall. We encourage anyone attending this conference to stop by the booth and speak to a CMS representative.

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