



EHR Incentive Programs

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Certified EHR Technology and the EHR Incentive Programs

Eligible professionals (EPs) and eligible hospitals participating in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs are required to use certified EHR technology in order to receive incentive payments. To get an incentive payment, you must use an EHR that is certified specifically for the EHR Incentive Programs. EHRs certified or qualified for other Medicare or Medicaid incentive programs may not be certified for this program.

To qualify as certified EHR technology for the EHR Incentive Programs, an EHR needs to be tested by one of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology-Authorized Testing and Certification Bodies, otherwise known as the ONC-ATCBs. If an EHR technology has been certified by an ONC-ATCB, it indicates to EPs and eligible hospitals that an EHR technology has the capacities necessary to support their efforts to meet meaningful use goals and objectives.

Note: You do not need to already have certified EHR technology in place when you register for the EHR Incentive Programs. However, you will need to have meaningfully used your certified EHR technology to receive your first year Medicare incentive payment. Under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you will need to have at least adopted (i.e., purchased or acquired) certified EHR technology in order to receive your first year incentive payment.

To see more details on certified EHR technology, visit the [CMS website](#). If you would like to find a list of certified EHR technologies, see [ONC's Certified Health IT Product List](#).

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