



## EHR Incentive Programs

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### Registration Success

In a February 23rd press release, CMS announced that there has been strong interest in early registration for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs.

In January, more than 21,000 providers initiated registration through the CMS site for the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and four states issued Medicaid incentive payments for the month totaling \$20,425,550. Highlights of the press release include:

- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology announced that as of February 11, more than 45,000 providers requested information or registration help from 62 Regional Extension Centers.
- On January 5, Kentucky disbursed two Medicaid incentive payments. The Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington received \$1.3 million and the University of Kentucky Healthcare, a teaching hospital, received \$2.86 million. On the same day, Oklahoma issued Medicaid incentive payments of \$42,500 (\$21,500 each) to two physicians at the Gastorf Family Clinic of Durant, Okla., for having adopted certified EHR technology.
- During the week of January 17, Iowa issued its first Medicaid incentive payments of \$21,250 each to two eligible professionals.

CMS Administrator Donald Berwick, M.D., said "This strong early interest in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs among providers and State Medicaid programs is most welcome and very encouraging. We encourage early adoption, and we're seeing the registration numbers continue on an

upward trajectory."

Visit the CMS website to read the full [press release](#).

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