

# REGISTRATION USER GUIDE

For Eligible Professionals

# Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program





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# **Step I – Getting Started**

This is a step-by-step guide for the Medicare Eligible Professionals (EPs) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. The page layout consists of the registration screen with written instructions to the right, as well as helpful tips. To get started, click on the link at the top of the page or type the website into your computer's browser.



Welcome to the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration & Attestation System

#### **About This Site**

The Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) eligible professionals and eligible hospitals as they demonstrate adoption, implementation, upgrading, or meaningful use of certified EHR technology. These incentive programs are designed to support providers in this period of Health IT transition and instill the use of EHRs in meaningful ways to help our nation to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of patient health care.

This web system is for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Those wanting to take part in the program will use this system to register and participate in the program. Additional Resources: For User Guides to Registration and Attestation that will show you how to complete these modules, a list of EHR technology that is certified for this program, specification sheets with additional information on each Meaningful Use objective, and other general resources that will help you complete registration and attestation, please visit  $\underline{\sf CMS}$  website  $\underline{\sf IG}$ 

Eligible to Participate - There are two types of groups who can participate in the programs. For detailed information, visit CMS website .

#### Overview of Eligible Professional (EP) and Eligible Hospital Types

#### Eligible Professionals (EPs)

- Medicare EPs include:
   Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy
- Doctors of Dental Surgery or Dental
- · Doctors of Podiatric Medicine
- · Doctors of Optometry
- Chiropractors

Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) EPs - A qualifying MAO may receive an incentive payment for their EPs. For more information, visit CMS website

NOTE: EPs may NOT be hospitalbased. This is defined as any provider who furnishes 90% or more of their services in a hospital setting (inpatient or emergency room).

Medicaid EPs include:

- Physicians
- · Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Dentists
- Physicians Assistants who practice in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC) that is led by a Physician Assistant

Further, Medicaid EPs must also:

- Have a minimum of 30% Medicaid patient volume (20% minimum for pediatricians),
- Practice predominantly in a FQHC or RHC and have at least 30% patient volume to needy individuals

#### **Eligible Hospitals**

Medicare Eligible Hospitals include:

- Subsection (d) hospitals in the 50 states or DC that are paid under the hospital inpatient prospective payment system. Hospitals in Maryland may also participate per law.
- · Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- Medicare Advantage Affiliated hospitals (MA-Affiliated Hospitals)

Medicaid Eligible Hospitals include:

- Acute Care Hospitals with at least 10% Medicaid patient volume. May include CAHs and cancer hospitals.
- · Children's Hospitals



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Accessibility -

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To determine your eligibility, click on the CMS website

Providers must register and attest by March 13th, 2017

#### STEPS

**Enter the EHR Incentive Program URL** (located at the top of the page) into your web browser

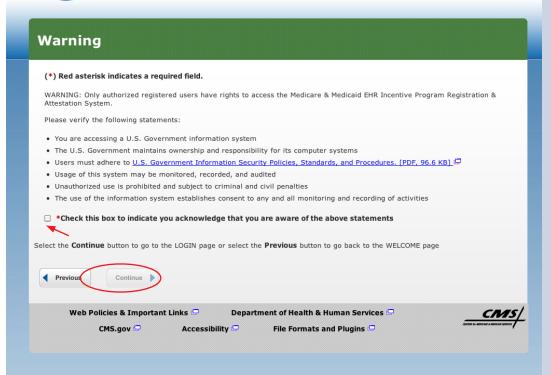
Review the list of **Eligible Professionals** (EPs) presented on this screen

Click Continue to start the registration process

# Step I - (Continue)

Carefully read the screen for important information.





#### **STEPS**

Please read the statements on the page and check the box to indicate that you acknowledge that you are aware of the statements

**Click** Continue



TIP

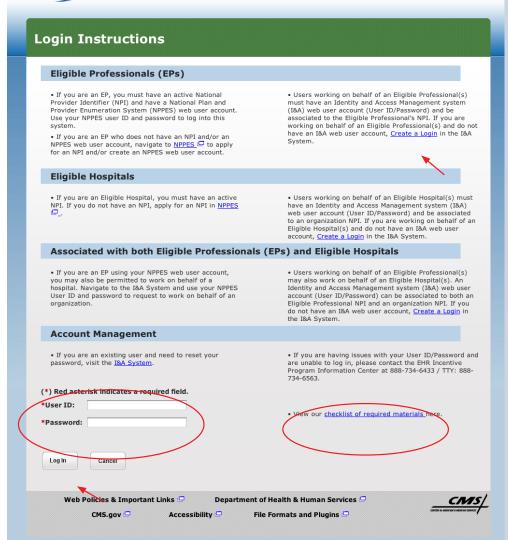
Eligible Professionals (EPs) may not be hospital based. This is defined as EPs seeing 90% or more of their Medicare covered services in:

- Hospital Inpatient setting (Place of service 21)
- Emergency Department setting (Place of service 23)

# Step 2 - Login

Review the Login Instructions for Eligible Professionals.





For information about the CMS Identity and Access (I&A) System, refer to the I&A Quick Reference Guide. The guide includes information on how to:

- Create an account
- Retrieve and reset usernames and passwords
- Register to access CMS systems on behalf of an organization
- Add and manage staff within an organization
- Work in CMS systems on behalf of an individual or organization

Contact the PECOS Help Desk if you cannot remember your password - (866) 484-8049/ TTY (866)523-4759, https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov

To locate your NPI number, visit: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do

User name and password are case sensitive

# **STEPS**

Enter your National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web user account, user ID and password to log into the registration system.

Click Log In

Eligible Professionals (EPs) may authorize surrogate users to work on behalf of the EP in the EHR Incentive Program Registration & Attestation system

Click on the "Create a Login link" in the body of the screen

Click the link to view our "checklist of required materials" to register for the EHR Incentive Programs



# Step 3 - Welcome

If your login was successful you will receive the "Welcome Screen".



#### **STEPS**

Click on the Registration tab to continue registering for the EHR Incentive Program.

After you login, the system will alert you of your next step in the registration and attestation process, such as your registration needs to be completed, or that it is time to begin attestation.



The Welcome screen consists of four tabs to navigate through the registration and attestation process

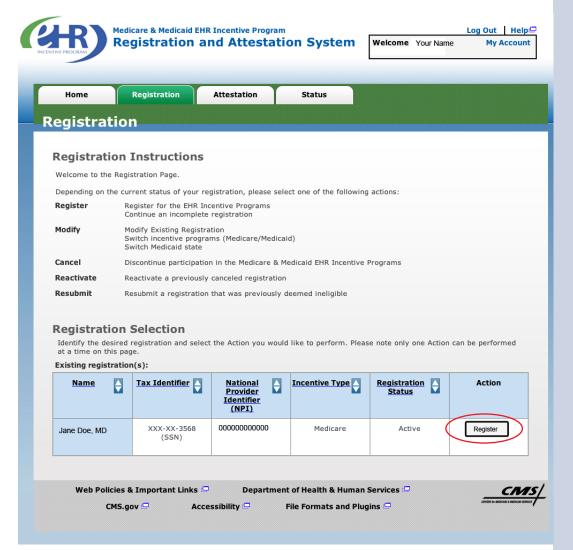
- 1. Home
- 2. Registration
- 3. Attestation
- 4. Status

Meaningful Use information:

https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/30\_Meaningful\_Use.asp

# Step 4 - Registration

Follow the registration instructions below.



#### **STEPS**

Click on *Register* in the Action column to continue the registration process.



"Resubmit", "Modify",
"Cancel" and "Reactivate"
are the available Action web
links for returning users

Only one action can be performed at a time on this page

If the user selects the Action web link of "Register" or "Resubmit" they will be directed to the Topics for Registration screen

# Step 5 - Reason for this Registration

Review and follow the registration instructions below.



#### **STEPS**

Click on *Topic 1* - "EHR Incentive Program" to start



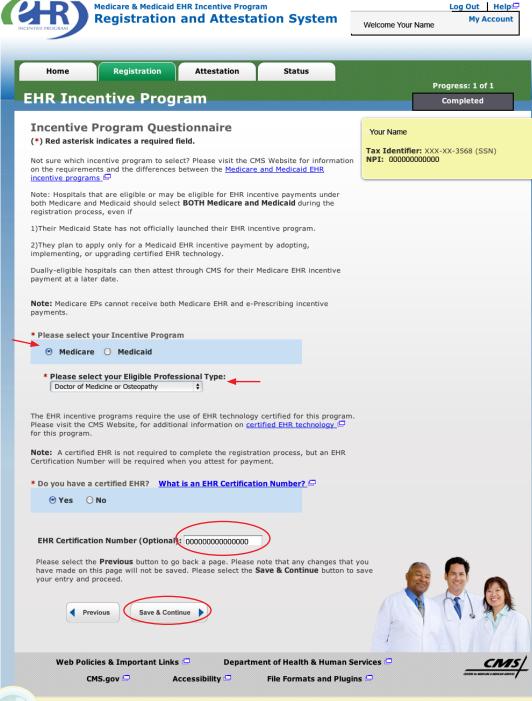
Data required for this registration is grouped into three topics. All three must be completed

Progress bars will indicate the progress for each topic

When all topics are completed user can select Proceed with Submission

# Step 6 - Incentive Program Questionnaire

Review and follow the Incentive Program Questionnaire instructions below.



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

Use the instructions on the following pages to locate your CMS EHR Certification Number

Certification numbers are assigned by the Office of the National Coordinator

# **STEPS**

**Select Medicare** 

Select your Eligible Professional Type

Click Yes or No at "Do you have a certified EHR?" If yes, enter the EHR Certification Number if you have it. The number will be required at Attestation, but is not required at Registration.

#### Click Save & Continue

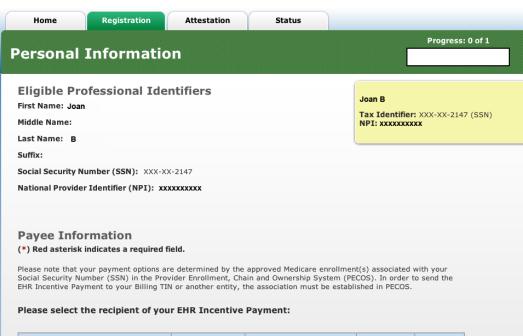
**NOTE:** If you are a **Medicare Advantage Eligible Professional you** may see this message: "Warning: You have been identified as a Medicare **Advantage Eligible Professional. This means** you are being claimed by a Medicare Advantage **Organization. You may** continue to register as a **Medicare Fee-for-Service Eligible Professional. Please** contact the Information Center if you have questions about being claimed by a Medicare Advantage Organization." **EHR Information Center:** 888-734-6433

# **Step 7 – Personal Information**

Follow the instructions below regarding your personal information.



My Account | Log Out | Help.☐
Welcome Joan B



Payee Name	Payee Tax Identifier (TIN)	Payee National Provider Identifier (NPI)	Contractor ID - State	* Payee Selection
John Doe	XXX-XX-XXXX (SSN)	xxxxxxxxx	00953 - Michigan	0
James Bond	xx-xxxxxx (Billing TIN)	xxxxxxxxx	14102 - New Jersey	0
Community Hospital	xx-xxxxxxx (Billing TIN)	xxxxxxxxx	03102 - Arizona	0
Internal Medicine, Assoc.	XXX-XX-XXXX (SSN)	xxxxxxxxx	13202 - New York	0
Joan B	xx-xxxxxx (EIN)	xxxxxxxxx	01102 - California	0

#### **STEPS**

Select where your payment will go in the Payee TIN Type

SSN Payee TIN Type indicates that the provider receives the payment. Select SSN Payee Type only if the EP receives Medicare payments to their SSN

EIN Payee TIN
Type indicates the
group receives the
payment.(Choose
Group Name if
selecting EIN)

Click APPLY

Enter Group Payee NPI

Click Save & Continue



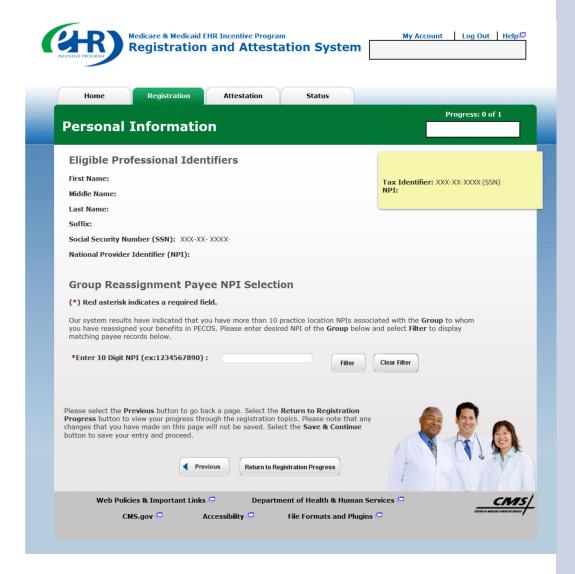
**TIPS** 

The EP can only receive the payment themselves if they have not reassigned all of their Medicare benefits to another entity in PECOS.

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).

# **Step 7 - Personal Information for Groups**

If a group will be receiving payments, follow the instructions below regarding your group information.



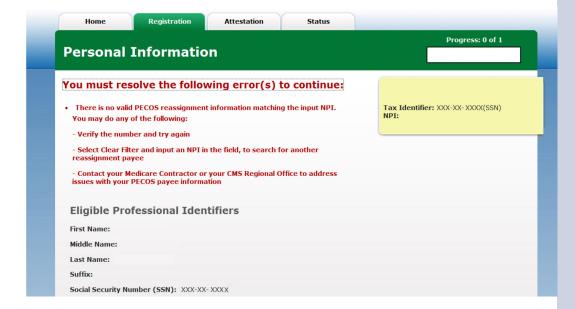
#### **STEPS**

If you are assigning payments to a practice or group, you will need to enter the group's 10-digit NPI that will be receiving the payments.

Click Filter

# **Step 7 – Resolve Personal Information Errors**

Resolve any errors with your personal information.

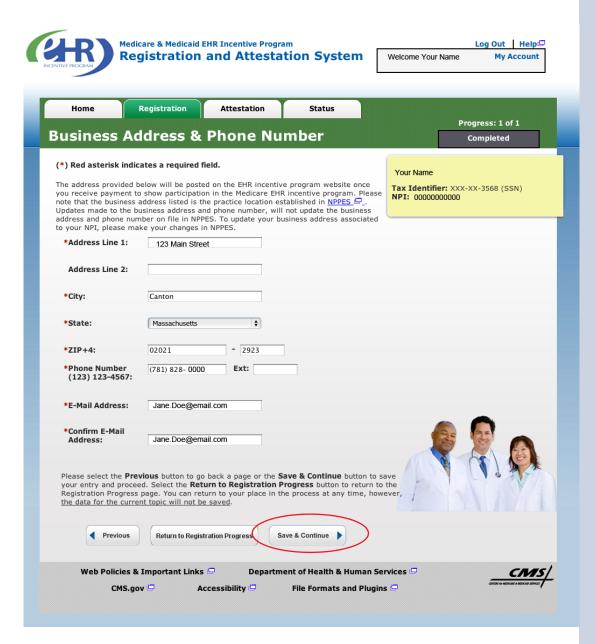


#### **STEPS**

If there are any errors with your personal information, the system will alert you and allow you to make revisions. Resolve any issues and continue.

# Step 8 - Business Address and Phone

Be sure to complete all requested information.



#### **STEPS**

Review the Business Address & Phone information and revise if applicable.

Enter your e-mail address and confirm the e-mail address.

Click Save & Continue

You will receive an e-mail confirmation once you have successfully completed your registration



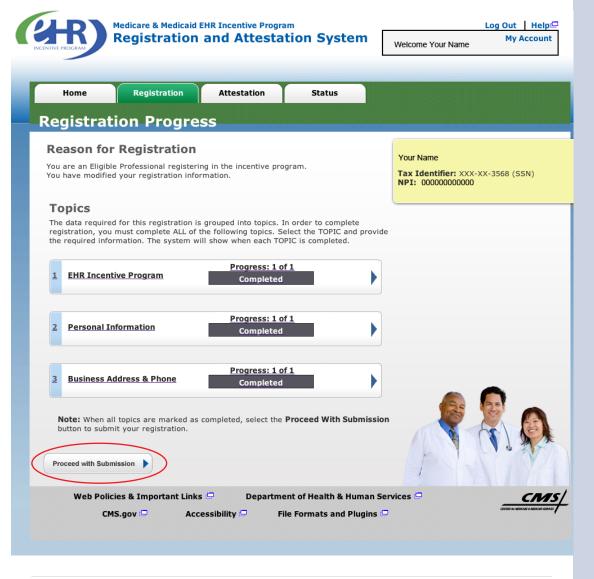
Data on this page is pulled from the provider's practice location stored in NPPES

Address and Phone number can be changed. However, the data is not sent back to NPPES

This is the information that will be posted on the EHR Incentive Program website once you receive payment The business address cannot be a P.O. Box address.

# **Step 9 – Registration Process**

Be sure to complete all the topics below.



# **STEPS**

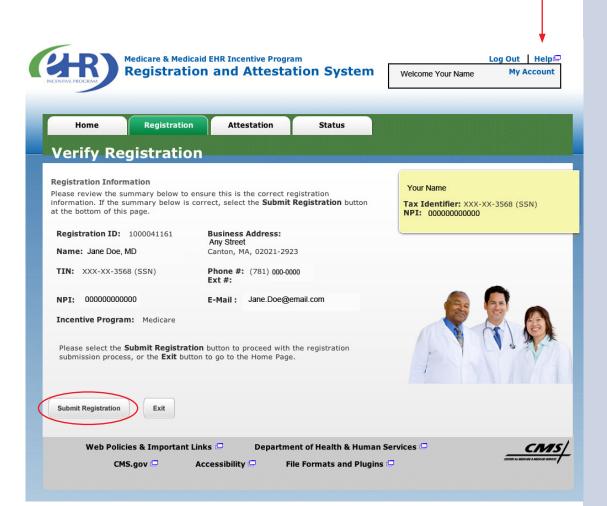
Click on Proceed with Submission to continue the registration process



Progress bars indicate that the topics are completed

# **Step 10 - Verify Registration**

Be sure to verify all your personal information.



#### **STEPS**

Review your registration information for accuracy and click Submit Registration to continue



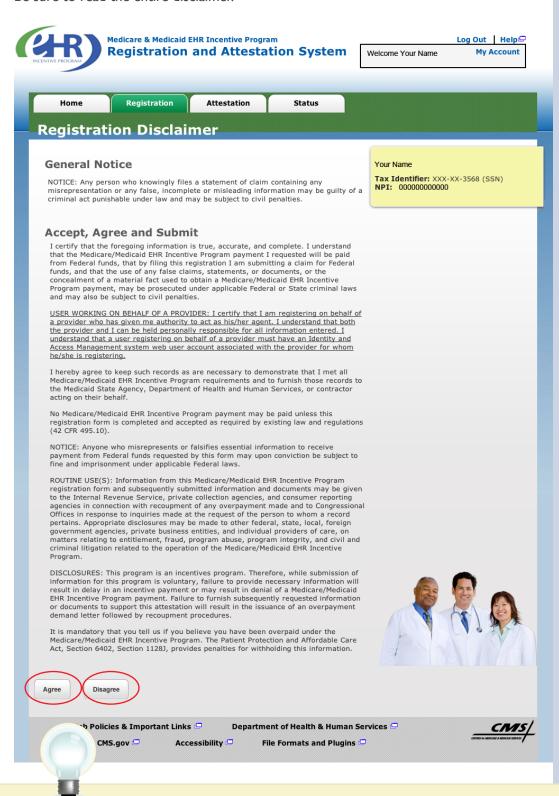
**TIPS** 

Click on Exit to go to the home page

Click on Help link for additional guidance for the registration and attestation process

# Step II - Registration Disclaimer

Be sure to read the entire disclaimer.



#### **STEPS**

Read the disclaimer and click on *Agree* or *Disagree* at the bottom of the page.

TIP

If DIsagree is chosen, the user is directed to the Registration Instructions Page. To restart the process, click MODIFY in the Action column of the Registration Instructions Page

# Step 12 - Submission Receipt (Successful Submission)

Confirm that your registration was completed successfully.



#### **STEPS**

This completes your registration

Select the *Print Receipt* button to print this page

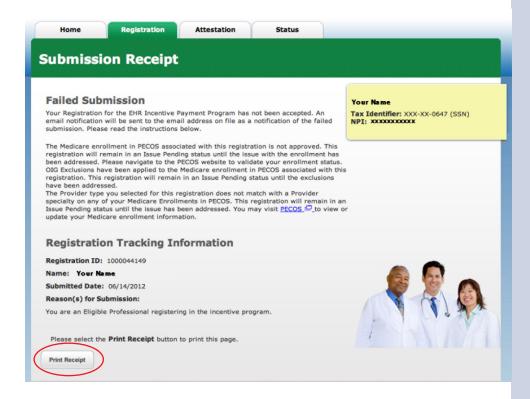
You will receive an e-mail email notification from this registration



#### **TIPS**

You must submit your Attestation information to qualify for the EHR incentive payment If you are deemed a hospital-based provider you will receive a warning stating; Warning: For your Registration, you have been identified as hospital-based for the current year. Please note that your hospital based status is checked yearly and may differ based on your EHR Reporting Period during Attestation

# Step 12 - Submission Receipt (Failed Submission)



#### **STEPS**

Your registration has failed.

Read the instructions on the screen and contact the appropriate department to correct your information.

**Print** the receipt for your records

The following are reasons that a submission failed with contact information:

# **Reason(s) for Rejected status:**

 Death Master File (DMF) (Medicare/Medicaid) validation failed – The provider's Legal Name and Social Security Number are on the Social Security Administration's DMF. Contact Social Security office, (800) 772-1213 / TTY (800)325-0778.

# **Reason(s) for Issue Pending status:**

- NPI Status in NPPES is in a Deactivated status. Contact the NPPES Help Desk for assistance. Visit; https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do (800) 465-3203 / TTY (800) 692-2326
- Enrollment Status in PECOS The Medicare enrollment in PECOS associated with this registration is not in an Approved status. Contact PECOS for help. Visit; https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/, (866)484-8049 / TTY (866)523-4759
- OIG Exclusions in PECOS OIG Exclusions are associated with this provider's Medicare enrollment in PECOS. Contact PECOS for help. Visit; https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/, (866)484-8049 / TTY (866) 523-4759
- Hospital-based Professional You have been identified as a Hospital-based Eligible Professional in the CMS National Level Repository (NLR). A Hospital-based Professional is defined as one who furnishes ninety percent (90%) or more of his/ her allowed services in an inpatient hospital setting. This year you are not eligible to participate in the EHR incentive program.



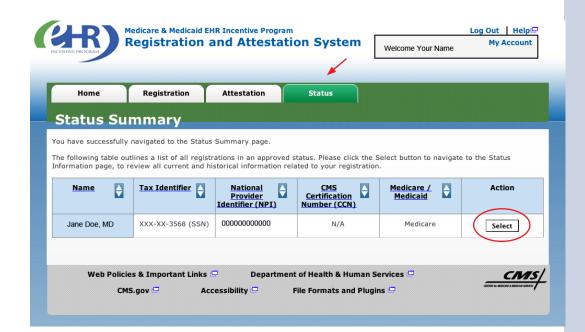
#### TIPS

If any of the system validations fail, the registration will be set to a status of 'Rejected' or 'Issue Pending'.

A registration ID number will be assigned to your submission

# Step 13 - Status Summary

Review all current and previous information related to your account.



#### **STEPS**

Click the *Status tab* to view your registration information



Click Select in the Action Column to view detail

# **Step 13 – Status Information**

Review the details of your registration process.



#### **STEPS**

Registration details appear in the body of the screen.

Information displayed includes:

- The registration status reason
- Fiscal Intermediary
   (FI)/Carrier/
   Medicare
   Administrative
   Contractor (MAC)
- Validation performed on registration.



Registration status will read Active when all validations pass

Other registration statuses are Cancelled, Issue Pending, In Progress, Rejected, and locked for payment The status reason is listed under the blue header in the center of the screen

# **Have Questions?**

There are many resources available to you.



#### Help **Topics** Help provides additional guidance to users for Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration & Attestation process. Help is broken up into the following sections. **About Registration & Attestation System** Presents an overview of the system, processes, and benefits. How to get Access to the Registration & Attestation System Presents summary information on accessing Internet-based Registration & Attestation System **User Accounts** Presents additional information regarding account information. **Accessibility** Presents information about the accessibility and compatibility features of Internetbased Registration & Attestation System. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Presents a list of common questions and their answers regarding the use of Internet-based Registration & Attestation System and the Medicare\Medicaid registration and attestation process. **Glossary and Acronym List** Presents Medicare\Medicaid EHR terms and definitions **Contact Information** Presents a list of contact information for Internet-based Registration & Attestation System user account issues Exit

#### **STEPS**

Click on the *Help Link* which is located on every screen.

# **Resources**

- Contact the EHR Information Center Help Desk for Questions concerning registration, (888) 734-6433 / TTY: (888) 734-6563
- Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. in all time zones (except on Federal holidays)
- NPPES Help Desk for assistance. Visit;
   https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do
   (800) 465-3203 / TTY (800) 692-2326
- PECOS Help Desk for assistance.
   Visit; https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/
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**TIP** EHR Incentive Program; visit:

http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/

# **Acronym Translation**

CMS Centers for Medicaid & Medicaid Services

DMF Social Security Death Master File

EHR Electronic Health Record

EIN Employer's Identification Number

EIPIC EHR Incentive Program Information Center

Eligible Professional
FI Fiscal Intermediary

FQHC Federally Qualified Health Center

I&A Identification & Authentication System

IDR Integrated Data Repository

LBN Legal Business Name

MAC Medicaid Administrative Contractor
MAO Medicaid Advantage Organization

NPI National Provider Identifier

NPPES National Plan and Provider Enumeration System

NLR National Level Repository

OIG Office of the Inspector General

PECOS Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System

RHC Rural Health Center
SSN Social Security Number
TIN Tax Identification Number

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