

## Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Program

The Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation. Eligible Professionals (EP) must demonstrate meaningful use for the remaining five years of participation in order to receive an incentive payment. Eligible Hospitals (EH) must demonstrate meaningful use for the remaining two years in order to receive an incentive payment from Alaska. To participate in the Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, healthcare providers and hospitals must meet the eligibility criteria defined in the code of federal regulation.

Registration for the Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will be available starting in early 2011. To ensure that you are ready for program enrollment there is prior planning that may be done. The Alaska Medicaid State Level Registry (SLR) Provider Outreach portal (<http://ak.ara incentive.com/default.aspx>) is a centralized "one-stop" launching pad of available tools for Medicaid providers to prepare and manage their EHR Incentive Program information.

## Participation Facts

### 1. Enroll in the Alaska Medical Assistance Program

- Only providers enrolled in the Alaska Medical Assistance Program may enroll in the Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive program
- Providers who are not enrolled in the Alaska Medical Assistance program may enroll at <http://medicaidalaska.com/>

### 2. Determine if you are eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

**Eligibility for Individual Providers - Eligible Professionals must meet all of the following criteria:**

1. Practice as one of the following types of professionals:
  - Physicians (primarily doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy)
  - Advanced nurse practitioner
  - Certified nurse-midwife
  - Dentist
  - Physician assistant who furnishes services in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) that is led by a physician assistant
2. Be a non-hospital based provider
  - Hospital-based EPs are not eligible for incentive payments
  - An EP is considered hospital-based if 90% or more of his or her services are performed in a hospital inpatient (POS 21) or emergency room (POS 23) setting

3. Must meet one of the following patient volume criteria:
  - Have a minimum 30% Medicaid patient volume\*
  - Have a minimum 20% Medicaid patient volume, and is a pediatrician\*
  - Practice predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC) and have a minimum 30% patient volume attributable to needy individuals

\* Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) patients do not count toward the Medicaid patient volume criteria.

### Eligibility for Hospitals - Eligible Hospitals must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Practice as one of the following types of hospitals:
  - Acute care hospital, includes critical access hospitals (CAH's)
  - Children's hospital
2. Must meet one of the following patient volume criteria:
  - Acute care hospitals (including CAHs) with at least 10% Medicaid patient volume
  - Children's hospitals (no Medicaid patient volume requirements)
3. **Make sure you have enrolled with National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)**
  - Eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI). If you do not have an NPI, visit <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do> to apply for one
4. **Make sure you have an Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) Record**
  - All eligible hospitals must have an enrollment record in PECOS. Register for a PECOS ID at <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do>
  - If you are working on behalf of an Eligible Hospital you must have a web user account and be associated to an organization NPI
5. **Get certified EHR Technology**
  - The Certified Health IT Product List <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert> has a comprehensive listing of Complete EHRs and EHR Modules that have been tested and certified under the Temporary Certification Program maintained by the Office of the National coordinator for Health IT (ONC)



### Eligible Professionals (EPs)

- The incentive payments for EPs are based on individual providers.
- If you are part of a practice, each EP may qualify for an incentive payment if each EP successfully demonstrates meaningful use of certified EHR technology.
- Each EP is only eligible for one incentive payment per year, regardless of how many practices or locations at which he or she provide services.



### Eligible for Both Programs?

- EPs who are eligible for both the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs must choose which incentive program they wish to participate in when they register.
- Before 2015, an EP may switch programs only once after the first incentive payment is initiated.
- Most EPs will maximize their incentive payments by participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- Some hospitals may receive incentive payments from both Medicare and Medicaid if they meet all eligibility criteria.

**6. Make sure you have submitted to the State of Alaska the Substitute Form - W9**

- The Internal Revenue Service requires the State of Alaska to issue 1099 forms when payments to individuals, partnerships or limited liability companies for rents, services, prizes, and awards meet or exceed \$600.00 for the year
- The Substitute Form - W9 can be found in the following location:  
[http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/accounting/resource/sub\\_form\\_w9.pdf](http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/accounting/resource/sub_form_w9.pdf)

**7. Determine if you would like to receive the EHR Incentive Payment Electronically**

- The State of Alaska Electronic Payments Program uses the Financial Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) process to enable the electronic transfer of payments directly to a vendor's bank account. The program is designed to transmit payments to vendors more quickly and efficiently, and to reduce the cost of making those payments.
- The EDI Payment Agreement Form can be found in the following location:  
[http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/electronic\\_payments/index.jsp#vn](http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/electronic_payments/index.jsp#vn)

**8. Complete and mail the Substitute Form - W9 and EDI Payment Agreement Form (if applicable) to:**

State of Alaska  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Division of Health Care Services  
EHR Incentive Program Office  
1835 South Bragaw St., Suite 300  
Anchorage, AK 99508-3469

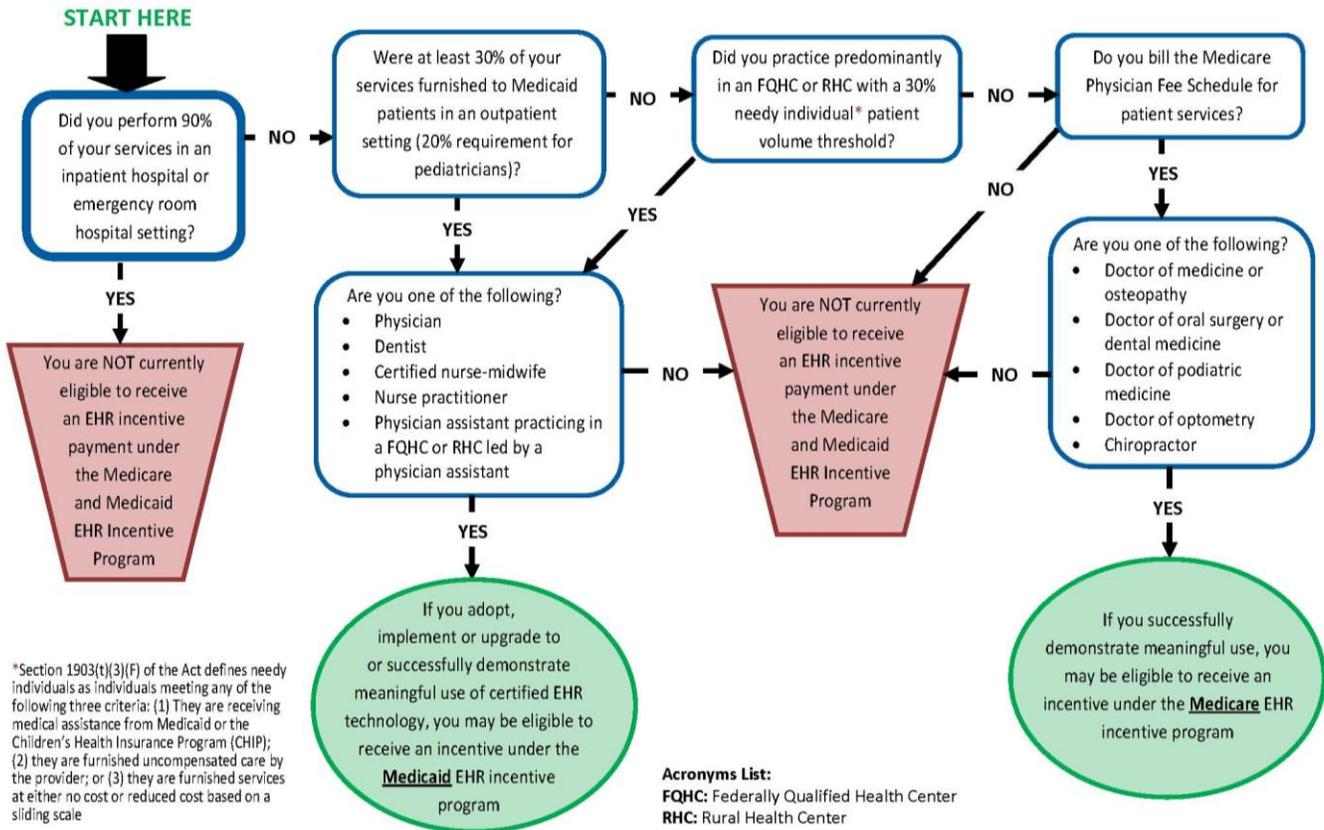
**What can you do now?**

- ① **Visit the Alaska Medicaid State Level Registry (SLR) Provider Outreach Portal**
- ① **Be enrolled in the Alaska Medical Assistance Program**
- ① **Determine if you are eligible for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs**
- ① **Make sure you have enrolled with NPPES**
- ① **Make sure you have an Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) Record (Eligible Hospitals Only)**
- ① **Get certified EHR Technology**
- ① **Make sure you have submitted State Substitute Form - W9**
- ① **Determine if you would like to receive the EHR Incentive Payment Electronically**
- ① **Complete and mail Substitute Form – W9 and EDI Payment Agreement Form (if applicable) to the EHR Incentive Program Office**

## Flow Chart to Help Eligible Professionals (EP) Determine Eligibility for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs



**How to Use this Flow Chart:** A Medicaid eligible professional may also be eligible for the Medicare incentive and should follow the path of answering no to the question of Medicaid patient volume to determine Medicare eligibility. An eligible professional who qualifies for both programs may only participate in one program. Eligible Professionals eligible to receive EHR incentive payments under Medicare or Medicaid will maximize their payments by choosing the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.



## What's Next?

### **CMS Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System**

The CMS Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System will collect, maintain, and process information required for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The system will manage federal registration for Medicaid Eligible Professionals and Hospitals and will track incentive payments to health care providers that adopt electronic health records. The system will make available to the States whether an eligible professional or hospital is a meaningful EHR user and provide the remittance date and amount of any incentive payment made to EPs or EHs.

### **Alaska Medicaid State Level Registry (SLR)**

The Alaska Medicaid State Level Registry (SLR) is a web-based state registration, attestation and tracking solution that will support the requirements for meaningful use and incentive payments mandated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. The Alaska SLR will allow the state to interact with the NLR and providers in order to deliver comprehensive data support for the provider incentive payment program. Division of Health Care Services expects to have the Alaska SLR to support the Alaska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program available in January 2011.

Phase 1 SLR features include:

- Secure log-in
- Self-service review and edit of provider demographic information
- Role-based screens for providers (EP or EH) and state staff
- Facilitation of provider registration and attestation - adoption / implementation / upgrade or meaningful use
- Submission of completed forms to State Medicaid entities
- Messaging to providers from State Medicaid entities
- Routing and approval of provider registration information
- On-line help and user manual