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Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments

Eligible providers and hospitals may begin registering for incentive payments from Medicaid beginning in November. Initial registrations must be made on the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services

(CMS) Provider Portal first, which will be accessible on November 7th, followed by registration on the Arkansas MAPIR system beginning on November 8th. Access to both of these registration sites will be available through the [Arkansas Medicaid](#) website.

If a provider has not already purchased Electronic Health Record (EHRs) certified software, the CMS Portal will assist them in finding and purchasing approved software. For Medicaid Incentive Payments, eligible providers and hospitals must attest that they have met the Adopt/Implement/Upgrade standard. This standard requires one of the following: 1) Adoption may be shown by purchasing EHR certified software, 2) Implementation showing that testing or training on how to use the EHR certified software, or 3) Upgrading by showing that the entity has purchased EHR software which has been certified by CMS). Evidence to support the attestation may include such items as sales receipts and training schedules. Eligible providers and hospitals that meet these requirements and register by November 7th and 8th may begin receiving incentive payments as early as November 17th.

All information and connections you'll need to register can be found at the [Arkansas Medicaid](#) website.

Introducing Arkansas Department of Health's Meaningful Use website

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is excited to participate in Meaningful Use development. To begin the partnership with Eligible Providers (EP) and Eligible Hospitals



(EH), ADH would like to introduce the new Meaningful Use website. The purpose of this site is to provide a centralized resource of current information on the Public Health Option of Meaningful Use as it pertains to ADH. This website will be the most expedient and convenient way possible for Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals to gather specifications, guidance and questions on the HL7 message structure and testing process.

The Meaningful Use Public Health option allows EPs or EHs to electronically submit Electronic Lab Results (ELR), Syndromic data or Immunization records using Health Language Seven (HL7). HL7 is a standard messaging language that allows clinical systems to communicate with each other. This language also allows your electronic health record system (EHR) to communicate with ADH and will help to reduce your staff's workload by electronically submitting ELR, Syndromic data or immunization records that were previously hand-keyed, faxed or mailed by courier to ADH.

Please visit the [Meaningful Use site](#) for more information.



Do you know the ABC's of HIT?

HIT - Health Information Technology is the application of information processing involving both computer hardware and software that deals with the storage, retrieval, sharing, and use of health care information, data, and knowledge for communication and decision making.

HIE - Health Information Exchange is the electronic movement of health-related information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards.

EHR - Electronic Health Record is an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that conforms to nationally recognized standards that is created, managed and consulted by clinicians and staff across more than one health care organization.

EMR - Electronic Medical Record is an electronic record of health-related information for an individual that conforms to nationally recognized standards and that is created, gathered, managed and consulted by authorized clinicians and staff within one health care organization.

PHI - Protected Health Information is health information that is transmitted or maintained in any form that can reasonably be used to identify an individual.

PHR - Personal Health Record is an electronic health record of health related information on an individual that conforms to nationally recognized standards and can be drawn from multiple sources while being managed, shared and controlled by the individual.

Definitions from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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