

Iowa Medicaid Health Information Technology (HIT) and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program for Eligible Professionals

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ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS ELIGIBLE FOR EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS?

Eligible professionals (EPs) are non-hospital-based physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives. Additionally, physician assistants practicing predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

EPs can receive \$63,750 over six years for adopting, implementing or upgrading and demonstrating meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Medicaid providers may opt out of the incentive program without their Medicaid reimbursements being affected. EPs can switch between the Medicare and Medicaid incentive programs one time. The last year for making an incentive program switch is 2014.

ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING PATIENT VOLUME REQUIREMENTS

Non-Hospital-Based Eligible Professionals	Patient Volume Over 90-Day Period
Physician (MD, DO)	30% Medicaid
Dentist	30% Medicaid
Certified Nurse Midwife	30% Medicaid
Nurse Practitioner	30% Medicaid
Physician Assistant (PA) in a RHC or FQHC led by PA*	30% Medicaid
Pediatrician**	20% Medicaid

* Eligible professionals that practice in a RHC or FQHC at least 50% of the time can count "needy individuals"¹ to meet their patient volume threshold.

Pediatricians, like other physicians, can be eligible for the full incentive payment (\$63,750) if they meet the minimum 30% Medicaid patient volume requirements. **However, Pediatricians only are also eligible if their Medicaid patient volume is between 20-29%. Pediatricians who qualify with a 20-29% Medicaid patient volume receive two-thirds of the maximum incentive payment, totaling \$42,500.

*** Non-Hospital-Based is defined as not having 90% or more encounters in a hospital or emergency room setting.

Needy individuals are defined in Section 1903(t)(3)(F) of the Social Security Act as individuals meeting any of the following three criteria: (1) They are receiving medical assistance from Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); (2) they are furnished uncompensated care by the provider; or (3) they are furnished services at either no cost or reduced cost based on a sliding scale determined by the individual's ability to pay.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS: ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS

The incentive program does not provide additional incentive payments beyond the limits established by legislation, regardless of your EHR system's cost. The purpose of the incentive payments is to encourage the adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology, not to act as a direct reimbursement. The CMS final rule does not dictate how Medicaid providers must use their EHR incentive payment.

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EPs may receive an incentive payment from either Medicaid or Medicare, but not both. A Medicaid eligible professional may receive an incentive payment from only one state in a payment year.

An EP can participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and CMS eRx Incentive Program simultaneously.

ADOPTING, IMPLEMENTING, OR UPGRADING (AIU) OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY

Providers in their first year of participation in the Medicaid incentive payment program may qualify for an incentive payment by demonstrating any of the following: that they have adopted (acquired and installed), implemented (trained staff, deployed tools, exchanged data) or upgraded (expanded functionality or interoperability) a certified EHR.

Calendar Year	Payment
Year 1	\$21,250
Year 2	\$8,500
Year 3	\$8,500
Year 4	\$8,500
Year 5	\$8,500
Year 6	\$8,500
Total	\$63,750

ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS PAYMENT REGISTRATION

Registration at the national level for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program opened in January 2011. Iowa begin accepting attestations and making payments in January, 2011.

Eligible professionals are required to register on the national level through the CMS website and at the state level in Iowa.

STEP ONE:

Register on the [CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System](#). For the most up-to-date information about registration into the [CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System](#).

Eligible Providers will need to complete the following in order to complete registration:

- Have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.
(<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>)
- Have a National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web user account ID and Password (<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>)
- Meet the eligibility requirements (Be in one of the eligible professions; meet the minimum Medicaid patient volume, etc.)
- Be enrolled as a Iowa Medicaid Provider

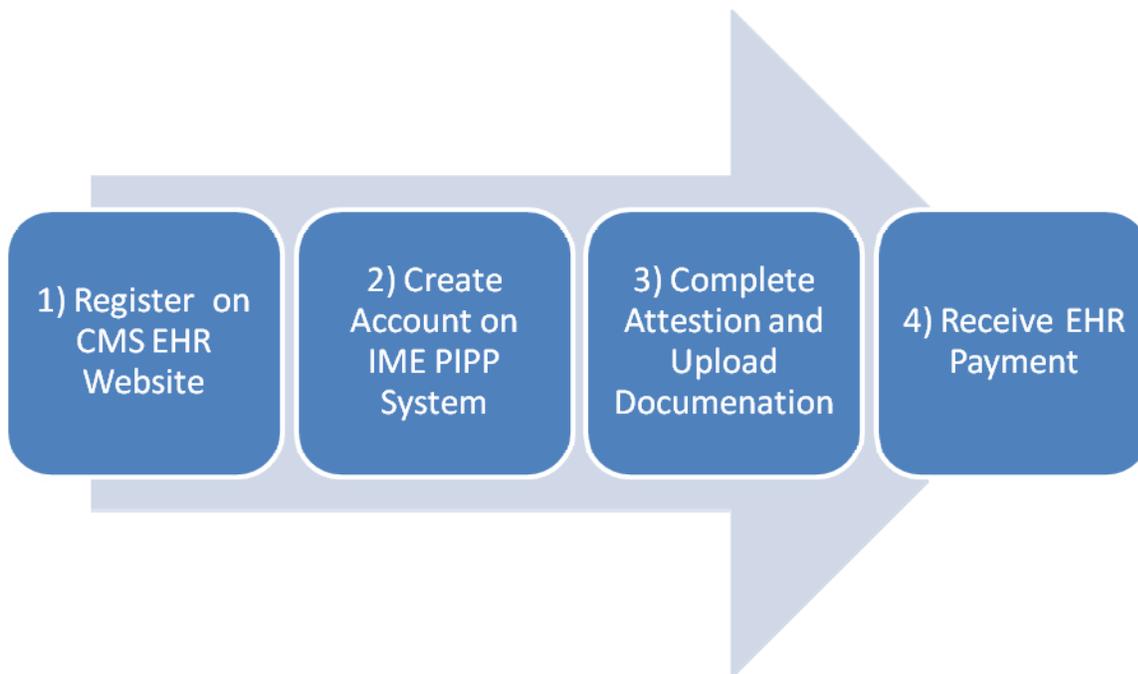
STEP TWO:

Create an account on the [Iowa Medicaid Enterprise \(IME\) Provider Incentive Payment Program \(PIPP\) web portal](#) if an account is not set up already. The user manual found on the website walks the provider through each step of registration and attestation.

STEP THREE:

Start attestation process after a 24 hour period review from IME staff. Answer all EHR attestation questionnaires and upload any documentation such as:

- Proof of Patient Volume
- Proof of Certified EHR



Medicaid provider interested in learning more about the incentive payments, please send an email to imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us or call Kelly Peiper, Medicaid HIT Provider Incentive Coordinator, at [515-974-3071](tel:515-974-3071) or Melissa Brown, EHR Incentive Program Specialist, at 515-974-3123.