



Final rule released that allows flexibility in certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) for participation in the 2014 EHR Incentive Program

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule that allows health care providers more flexibility in how they use CEHRT to meet meaningful use requirements for the 2014 reporting period.

Eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and eligible providers can use the 2011 Edition CEHRT or a combination of 2011 and 2014 Edition CEHRT for an electronic health record (EHR) reporting period in 2014 for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. In providing this flexibility, more providers will be able to participate and meet important meaningful use objectives like drug interaction and drug allergy checks, providing clinical summaries to patients, electronic prescribing, reporting on key public health data and reporting on quality measures.

Iowa Medicaid is currently working to update the Provider Incentive Payment Portal (PIPP) to accept attestations following the new guidance provided in the Final Rule. Please refrain from submitting attestations that are impacted by this rule change until programming of the PIPP system is completed. Once the system changes are implemented and finalized, notifications will be sent out and support will be available to assist providers and hospitals in completing their 2014 incentive application.

The CMS [final rule](#) can be accessed on the Federal Register website.