

# Wisconsin Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

## 2016: Final Year to Enroll

Did you know that 2016 is the final year in which Eligible Professionals can enroll in the Wisconsin Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program? Don't miss this opportunity; join the other 10,600 Wisconsin Eligible Professionals who have already received EHR incentive payments!

The Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program offers incentive payments to eligible Medicaid-enrolled providers who adopt and meaningfully use certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) to improve patient care. Read below to learn more about adopting CEHRT before the end of 2016.

### ***Benefits of CEHRT***

The Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program supports health care providers and their patients in getting the right information whenever and wherever they need it through CEHRT. Following are some of the benefits of CEHRT.

- Providers have access to more complete patient histories, which can help providers make better care decisions and coordinate care.
- Eligible Professionals can receive up to \$63,750 (in up to six incentive payments) for full participation in the program. This includes payment in the first year of participation for \$21,250 to adopt, implement, or upgrade (AIU) to a CEHRT system.
- Adoption of CEHRT can improve performance and health care delivery in order to:
  - Achieve practice efficiencies and cost savings, including those pertaining to documentation and coding.
  - Facilitate care coordination, including secure electronic exchange of clinical information with other designated providers.
  - Streamline patient engagement, self-management, and satisfaction.
  - Promote better patient outcomes.
  - Improve operational efficiency.

### ***Am I Eligible?***

Incentive payments for Eligible Professionals are based on the individual practitioner. To participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, an Eligible Professional must be one of the following five types of Medicaid providers: physician, dentist, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.<sup>1</sup>

Other criteria must also be met, including serving Medicaid members as a significant portion of the provider's practice and not practicing predominately in a hospital setting.

To see if you are eligible, visit the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website [Eligibility](#) page. If you have any questions on program eligibility, email [dhsehrincentiveprogram@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsehrincentiveprogram@wisconsin.gov).

#### ***Interested in learning more about CEHRT?***

Visit [HealthIT.gov](http://HealthIT.gov) to read testimonials about the benefits of CEHRT and learn how health IT can transform your access to information.

<sup>1</sup> Specific eligibility and payment rules apply to pediatricians and physician assistants. Visit the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website Eligibility page for details: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehrincentive/professionals/eligibility.htm>.

## How Do I Get Started?

Eligible Professionals are encouraged to start the path to payment today!  
Follow the steps below to enroll in the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

**Step 1:** Verify your eligibility for the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Review the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website [Eligibility](#) page or check the [CMS Eligibility Widget](#) for details.

**Step 2:** Register for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Review Wisconsin's [Eligible Professional Application Process Guide](#) for detailed steps.

**Step 3:** Get qualified. Receive incentive payments under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program by completing at least one of the following by the end of 2016:

- Adopt certified EHR technology (CEHRT).
- Implement the CEHRT you already purchased.
- Upgrade your current EHR technology to the newest certified version.
- Demonstrate meaningful use of CEHRT.

**Step 4:** Gather required data and attest for incentive payments by the end of Program Year 2016. Review Wisconsin's [Eligible Professional Application Process Guide](#) for an overview, and access your Wisconsin ForwardHealth Portal account to get started.

## Need Technical Assistance?

Supported by [MetaStar](#) and funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Medicaid Health IT Extension Program offers free expert assistance to Medicaid-enrolled Eligible Professionals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, and meaningfully use CEHRT.

The Health IT Extension Program has a team of experienced local professionals with extensive knowledge of the Wisconsin medical community and a deep understanding of the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program requirements.

Free services provided by MetaStar include:

- Vendor-neutral EHR selection and implementation guidance.
- Meaningful use education and consultation, including readiness assessments, audit preparation, and more.
- Public health objective assistance.
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) security risk assessments.
- Workflow optimization.

For more information or to sign up for assistance, please email [info@metastar.com](mailto:info@metastar.com).

### **Additional Resources for Getting Started**

- Visit: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehrincentive](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehrincentive) or [www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html).
- Email: [dhsehrincentiveprogram@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsehrincentiveprogram@wisconsin.gov).
- Call Provider Services at 1-800-947-9627.

