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Hey Everyone!

Alert: Medicare EHR Incentive Program Attestation Begins Today!

This is a copy of what was sent out my Office of the National Coordinator of Health Technology

Attestation for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program Begins Today!

Today, attestation for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program begins. This means that professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) can attest in the CMS web-based attestation system and be on their way to receiving Medicare EHR incentive payments.

They can help you successfully attest

Several new CMS resources can help you successfully navigate the Medicare EHR Incentive Program:

A new [attestation page](#) on the CMS EHR website, where participants in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program can find important information on attestation. The [Meaningful Use Calculator](#) allows EPs and eligible hospitals to check whether they have met meaningful use guidelines before they attest in the system. The calculator prints a copy of each EP's or hospital's specific measure summary. The [Eligible Professional User Guide](#) and the [Hospital and Critical Access Hospital User Guide](#) provide step-by-step guidance for eligible hospitals on navigating the attestation system.

Coming soon

Attestation worksheets for EPs and eligible hospitals allow users to fill out their measure values, so they have a quick reference tool to use while attesting. Attestation webinars will provide a video version of the user guides for EPs, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals. The videos show EP and eligible hospital representatives completing the attestation process.

If you are not ready to attest, follow these steps to participate in the programs:

Make sure you're eligible for the EHR Incentive Programs. View eligibility guidelines on our [Eligibility page](#) and select the program in which you want to participate. **Get registered.** Registration is open for EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs. Visit the [Registration page](#) for more details. **Use certified EHR technology.** To receive incentive payments, make sure the EHR technology you're using or are considering buying has been certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Visit our [Certified EHR Technology page](#) for details. **Be a Meaningful User.** You have to successfully demonstrate "meaningful use" for a consecutive 90-day period in your first year of participation (and for a full year in each subsequent years) to receive EHR incentive payments. Visit our [Meaningful Use page](#) to learn about meaningful use objectives and measures. **Attest for incentive payments.** To get your EHR incentive payment, you must attest through Medicare's secure website that you've demonstrated meaningful use with certified EHR technology.

Want more information about the EHR Incentive Programs?

Make sure to visit the [EHR Incentive Programs website](#) for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

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