

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Provider Tips

Kentucky Medicaid has announced the state Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. Kentucky Medicaid – together with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – is in the process of implementing the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Recovery Act provides incentive payments to Medicaid providers for the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology.

The first phase of this program will launch on January 3, 2011.

There are important steps providers should take *now* to be ready to participate in the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Learn about the program. Visit <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/> for initial program information and sign up for e-mail updates at EHRIncentive@ky.gov.

Select incentive program. CMS has developed a downloadable decision tool to help eligible professionals decide whether to apply for Medicare or Medicaid incentives. Go to <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>; click on “Eligibility”; and download the “EHR EP Decision Tool.” Eligible hospitals qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid incentive programs.

Check National Provider Identifier (NPI). Confirm that you have an active NPI through the following link: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/>.

For Hospitals: In order for eligible hospitals to receive payments under the Kentucky Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, a hospital (including critical access hospitals) must have an enrollment record in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (**PECOS**). Go to <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do> to verify your PECOS enrollment information. Kentucky Medicaid Eligible Professionals (EPs) do not have to be in PECOS.

National and State Level Repositories - After registering with the National Level Registry (NLR) at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>, the provider then begins the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program registration process by accessing the KYSLR system at <https://apps4.chfs.ky.gov/kyslr>.

Resources for Additional Information:

For more information about the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please visit the CHFS DMS Web site at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>.

For information on certified EHR Technology products, please visit <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>.

For more information, please send an e-mail to EHRIncentives@ky.gov.