



Division of Medical Assistance Programs

Information Memorandum Transmittal

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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: **Provider Announcement:** Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR)
Incentive Program Mailer

Applies to:

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children, Adults and Families
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Other (please specify): DHS and OHA staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists

Message:

The OHA Medicaid Health Information Technology Project is sending the following mailer to enrolled Oregon Medicaid providers and other health care providers throughout Oregon.

- It tells providers how to find out if they are eligible for the Medicare or Medicaid EHR incentive programs and where to find more information.
- The EHR Incentive programs are federal programs administered through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

If you receive calls about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, refer them to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (contact info below) or to the Web site at <http://medicaidehrincentives.oregon.gov>.

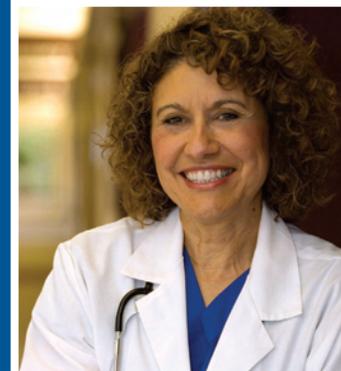
If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
Phone:	503-945-5898
E-mail:	Medicaid.EHRIncentives@state.or.us



Now is the time

to find out if you are eligible for **Medicare and Medicaid electronic health record incentive payments.**



Eligible health care providers who serve Oregon's most vulnerable individuals have access to federal funds to help support the implementation and use of certified electronic health record systems in practices and hospitals

increasing your patients' comfort and reducing costs. Offering incentives to health care providers is an essential step in developing providers' ability to electronically exchange health information, part of Oregon's Action Plan for Health.

Eligibility

The first step is to find out if you are an eligible provider. There's an easy-to-use online tool to find out if you're eligible, and if so, for which program — Medicare or Medicaid. Find out if you're eligible by going to www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp.

CMS also provides information on registration, meaningful use and other program details. Learn more at www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms or contact the CMS EHR Information Center Help Desk, 1-888-734-6433, for questions about registration.

As health care providers, we're challenged to provide high-quality services at a reasonable cost. At Medford Medical Clinic, we've demonstrated that 'going paperless' has increased professional satisfaction and productivity. A fully integrated electronic health record system has increased both professional satisfaction and productivity, allowing us to deliver the high quality of care we strive to deliver.

— Paul Matz, M.D.

across the state. If you have purchased a system or are considering purchasing a system, now is the time to find out if you are eligible for an incentive payment.

Electronic health records improve your quality of patient care by providing immediate access to your patients' treatment and medication histories, reducing harmful negative drug or treatment interactions. Electronic health records also help reduce unnecessary, invasive or redundant tests,

To assist with the costs related to certified electronic health records, many health care providers throughout Oregon will have access to incentive payments, paid for under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Oregon's providers eligible under the Medicare incentive program can receive up to \$44,000, and those providers eligible for Oregon's Medicaid incentive program could receive up to \$63,750. For more information about the incentives, visit www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms.



Applying for incentives

If you will be applying for the Medicare incentive program, registration is now open. Applications are being accepted and payments will begin in May. You can register at www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp.

If you will be applying for the Medicaid incentive program, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will be your source for information. OHA is expecting to launch incentives payments for the Medicaid program later this year. Stay informed by visiting us online at www.MedicaidEHRIncentives.oregon.gov.

If you have questions about meeting meaningful use requirements, beginning with the selection of a certified electronic health record system or the assessment of whether your current system needs to be upgraded, you should contact O-HITEC, Oregon's federally funded Regional Extension Center by visiting www.o-hitec.org.



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