



Achieving Successful Meaningful Use Attestation 2015–2016

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**Deadline to attest to 2015 Meaningful Use program is
March 11, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET.**



The BIG QUESTION

Is the Meaningful Use (MU) program going away?

- Streamlined to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Electronic Health Record (EHR) (aka MU)
 - Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
 - Value-Based Payment Modifier (VM)
- MIPS
 - MIPS program not finalized
 - Providers continue workflow and documentation
 - Await further clarification from CMS

Learning Objectives

- Assess your eligibility to participate in the MU program
- Understand the impact of participation
- Identify how to meet MU objectives
- Learn where to find program resources
- Identify how to stay informed

Assess Your Eligibility To Participate In MU

- Different eligibility requirements
 - Medicaid and Medicare MU programs

Assess Your Eligibility To Participate In MU

- Medicare Eligible Professionals (EPs) include:
 - Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy
 - Doctors of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine
 - Doctors of Podiatric Medicine
 - Doctors of Optometry
 - Chiropractors

NOTE: *EPs may NOT be hospital-based. This is defined as any provider who furnishes 90 percent or more of their services in a hospital setting (inpatient or emergency room).*

Assess Your Eligibility To Participate In MU

- Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO)
 - A qualifying MAO may receive an incentive payment for their EPs. For more information, visit: www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/MedicareAdvantage.html

Assess Your Eligibility To Participate In MU

- Medicaid EPs include:
 - Physicians
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Certified Nurse - Midwife
 - Dentists
 - Physicians Assistants who practice in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC) that is led by a Physician Assistant
 - Doctors of Optometry

Assess Your Eligibility To Participate In MU

- Medicaid EPs must also:
 - Have a minimum of 30 percent Medicaid patient volume (20 percent minimum for pediatricians)
- OR**
- Practice predominantly in a FQHC or RHC and have at least 30 percent patient volume to needy individuals

Understand The Impact Of Participation

- Health information technology
 - Coordination of care
 - Patient engagement
 - Population management
 - Public reporting of participation status (Physician Compare)
- Incentives
 - Incentive amount varies based on year started
- Avoid negative payment adjustments
 - Two-year look back
 - Unsuccessful attestation or no attestation
 - Negative three percent payment adjustment in 2017 (2015)

Identify How To Meet MU Objectives

- 2015–2016 MU Program Requirements
 - www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/2015ProgramRequirements.html
 - Attest to
 - Ten Objectives
 - Nine Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) covering three domains
 - Continuous 90-day period timeframe
 - Entire year timeframe in 2016 (if applicable)

Identify How To Meet MU Objectives

- 2015–2016 Modified MU Objectives Tip Sheets
 - *Handouts*
- 2015 EP Attestation Worksheet
 - <http://files.ctctcdn.com/b108b018001/ba2447a9-b025-409b-b287-6f9c67f99d0f.pdf>
 - *Handout*

Identify How To Meet MU Objectives

- CQM basics
 - <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/ClinicalQualityMeasures.html>
 - *Handout*
- List of CQMs (aligned with PQRS)
 - https://www.cms.gov/apps/ama/license.asp?file=/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS_2015_Measure-List_111014.zip

Identify How To Meet MU Objectives

- Review your EHR MU Dashboard often
- Share Dashboard results with staff
- Encourage EHR training
- Ensure EHR updates are current
- Sign up to EHR ListServ to keep informed
- Maximize use of your EHR

Identify How To Meet MU Objectives

- Preparing to participate in the EHR Incentive programs in 2015–2017
 - www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/2016_PrepforEHR.pdf
 - *Handout*
- Remember your Username and Password
 - Team effort

Hardship Information

- 2017 Medicare EHR Incentive Program Payment Adjustment Hardship Instructions
– *Handout*
- 2017 Medicare EHR Incentive Program Payment Adjustment Hardship Application
– *Handout*
- EP application deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET on March 15, 2016

Future Program Alignment

- Medicare Access and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)
 - Legislation authorizing new payment models such as MIPS

Future Program Alignment

- MIPS
 - Annual measurement of Medicare Part B providers on four performance categories
 - VM Quality score
 - VM Cost score
 - MU Compliance
 - Clinical Practice Improvement (new category)

Where Are Program Resources?



www.cms.gov

www.hsag.com/physicianoffice

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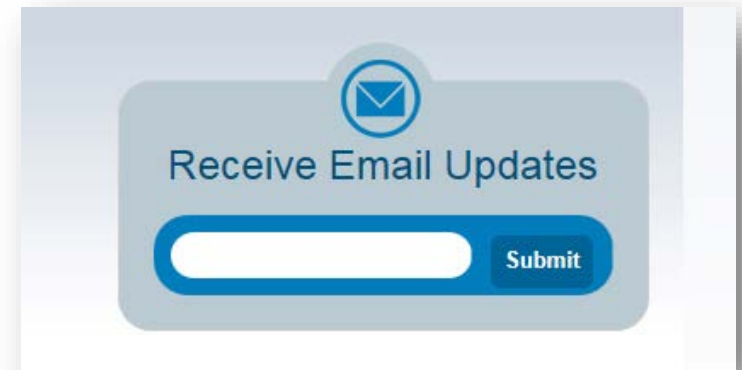
- CMS EHR website
 - <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html?redirect=/ehrincentiveprograms>
- HSAG Physician Office website
 - <http://www.hsag.com/en/medicare-providers/physician-offices/>

Where Are Program Resources?

- CMS EHR (Meaningful Use) Incentive Program:
1.888.734.6433 (TTY 1.888.734.6563);
8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. EST
- Physician Compare:
<http://Medicare.gov/PhysicianCompare>
- FL HSAG Team email: IHPC@hsag.com

How to Stay Informed

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
<https://questions.cms.gov/>
- MLN Connects™ Provider eNews
<http://cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSProvPartProg/Index.html>
- EHR Listservs
https://public-dc2.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USCMS_520
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