

Not sure which program to choose?

Compare "[Notable Differences between the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#)"

Medicare	Medicaid
Federal Government will implement (will be an option nationally)	Voluntary for States to implement (may not be an option in every State)
Payment reductions begin in FFY 2013 for providers that do not demonstrate Meaningful Use	No Medicaid payment reductions
Must demonstrate MU in Year 1	A/I/U option for 1st participation year
Maximum incentive is \$44,000 for EPs (10% bonus for EPs in HPSAs)	Maximum incentive is \$63,750 for EPs
Meaningful Use definition is common for Medicare	States can adopt certain additional requirements for Meaningful Use
Last year a provider may initiate program is 2014; Last year to register is 2016	Last year a provider may initiate program is 2016; Last year to register is 2016
Only physicians, subsection (d) hospitals and CAHs	5 types of EPs, acute care hospitals (including CAHs) and children's hospitals
<p>Need more information? Contact Health Technology Services, your Montana/Wyoming Regional Extension Center for assistance. http://www.healthtechnologyservice.com/</p> <p>Other programs related to the EHR Incentive Programs have been created to provide technical assistance and best practices in EHR adoption and demonstration of meaningful use. Learn more about Regional Extension Centers, Beacon Communities, State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement partners, and what is happening to further the adoption of Health IT.</p>	

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Checklist

If you're an eligible professional, in your first year of participation you may adopt, implement or upgrade or become a meaningful user of certified electronic health records to qualify for incentive payments of **up to \$63,750 from Medicaid**.

Here's how to qualify:

- Make sure you're eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.** View eligibility guidelines at the CMS [Eligibility page](#).
- Also eligible for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program?** Eligible professionals can receive up to **\$44,000** through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. See the [Medicare checklist](#). *Eligible professionals can participate in only one program (Medicaid or Medicare) but will be allowed to switch programs one time once they register.*
- Get registered.**
 1. You are required to register in the National Level Repository at least 24 hours prior to registering with the state. Visit the CMS [Registration page](#) for more details.
 2. Montana will be ready to accept registrations for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program on **November 7, 2011**.
- 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 the CMS [Certified EHR Technology page](#) for details.
- Get qualified.** To receive EHR incentive payments in the first year under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you must do at least one of the following:
 - Adopt certified EHR technology; or
 - Implement certified EHR technology you have already purchased; or
 - Upgrade your current EHR technology to the newly certified version; or
 - Demonstrate "meaningful use" of certified EHR technology for a 90-day period. Visit the CMS [Meaningful Use page](#) to learn about meaningful use objectives and measures.
- Attest for incentive payments.** To get your EHR incentive payment, you must attest (legally state) through the [Montana State's Medicaid web site](#) that you've met all of the eligibility criteria, including having adopted, implemented, upgraded or meaningfully used certified EHR technology. Visit the [Montana State's Medicaid web site](#) for more information.

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Medicare EHR Incentive Program Checklist

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Here's how to qualify:

- Make sure you're eligible for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.** View eligibility guidelines at the CMS [Eligibility page](#).
- Also eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program?** You can receive higher incentive payments, up to **\$63,750**, through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. See the [Medicaid checklist](#). *Eligible professionals can participate in only one program (Medicaid or Medicare) but will be allowed to switch programs one time once they register.*
- Get registered.** Registration is now open to eligible professionals. Visit the [Registration page](#) for more details.
Note: Register as soon as possible. You can register before having a system installed.
- 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 the CMS [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 the CMS [Meaningful Use page](#) to learn about meaningful use objectives and measures.
- Attest for incentive payments.** To get your EHR incentive payment, you must attest (legally state) through Medicare's secure Web site that you've demonstrated "meaningful use" with certified EHR technology. You can now get to the CMS secure Attestation Web site through a link at their [Attestation](#) page.

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