



Important Message

An Alternate Method of Attestation is Available for Certain Medicaid Providers through the EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System

Purpose of Communication: Announcement of an alternative attestation process to assist EPs who may not qualify under Medicaid program rules, but wish to avoid the **Medicare** payment adjustment.

Target Audience: EPs who have attested under Medicaid, but may not meet Medicaid program eligibility putting them at risk for Medicare payment adjustment.

In the final rule for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the proposal to allow certain Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) to use an alternate option of attesting through the EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System (R&A) for the purpose of avoiding the Medicare payment adjustment (80 FR 62900 through 62901).

To attest to the EHR Incentive Program requirements, Medicare EPs are required to use the Registration and Attestation System while Medicaid EPs are typically required to visit their state Medicaid agency's website.

Beginning in 2015, Medicaid EPs who have previously received an incentive payment under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, but will fail to meet the eligibility requirements for the program in subsequent years, will be allowed to attest using the EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation system for the purpose of avoiding the Medicare payment adjustment.

Note: There are no changes to the EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System for the alternate attestation method.

Note: EPs who wish to attest via this alternative method are required to do so by February 29, 2016.

If an EP attests to avoid the Medicare payment adjustment, but later believes they may be eligible to attest to the Medicaid EHR Program and receive an incentive, the EP can continue to attest under the Medicaid Program.

The Department strongly urges EPs who are uncertain if they qualify for the Medicaid EHR Program, to attest under this new option to avoid any Medicare payment adjustment.

For any questions on attesting to Connecticut's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please contact the Program's Education & Outreach Coordinator, Mike Flynn @ Michael.flynn@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 424-5265.

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