

Northland Medical Managers Association

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Meaningful Use - Registering and Timeline for Stimulus Money

Registration starts at: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp

Registration requires that you have a User ID and password for the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). This is the User ID that was assigned when providers applied for their NPI number. You can request that information by going to: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/IASecurityCheck.do>. This is also the same User ID and password that is used to access PECOS. All providers will need to be enrolled in PECOS before completing the EHR Incentive registration.

You do not need to have purchased an EHR system to begin the enrollment process for the incentive program. Your enrollment status will remain in a pending status until you have the EHR certificate number assigned to your software.

Providers will need to decide whether to participate in the Medicare or the Medicaid incentive program. They are allowed to switch programs only once after the first incentive payment is initiated.

- Registration began January 3, 2011 for Medicare EHR incentives. To receive the maximum of \$44,000 you must begin participation by 2012.
- Attestation begins April 18, 2011.
- October 1, 2011 is the last day for eligible professionals to begin their 90-day reporting period for 2011 for the incentive program. You need 90 days of consecutive data to report for the attestation the first year and subsequently a full year.
- December 31, 2011 – reporting year ends.
- February 20, 2012 – last day for eligible professionals to register and attest to receive a payment for calendar year 2011.
- For 2011 – Providers are required to submit summary quality measure data to CMS by attestation.
- For 2012 – Providers are required to submit summary quality measure data electronically to CMS.
- For 2015 and later, Medicare eligible professionals that have not successfully demonstrated meaningful use will have a payment adjustment of 3% in their Medicare reimbursement.

Does participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program exempt me from the penalty for the eRx payment adjustment?

No. CMS has stated, “At this time an eligible professional who wishes to participate in the EHR Incentive Program would also have to participate in the eRx Incentive Program during 2011 to avoid an eRx payment adjustment in 2012 since the two programs have different requirements with respect to electronic prescribing. Eligible professionals, however, are not penalized for participating in both programs. Rather, an eligible professional who qualifies for an eRx incentive and a Medicare EHR incentive cannot earn an eRx incentive for the same year.”