Overview of Alabama's Meaningful Use Incentive Payment Program for Eligible Professionals

Program Synopsis

- Cash Payment up to $63,750.00 paid over maximum of 6 years
- Must be a user of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology
- Must be an "Eligible Professional" (EP)
- Must have at least 30% Medicaid patient volume, or only 20% if a Pediatrician
- Program duration is 2011 – 2021
- **Must start program no later than 2016**

Medicaid Patient Volume Requirements

Eligibility for Payment - MUST have minimum Medicaid patient volume percentage. ***There are no exceptions.***
Compute Percentage – Divide Medicaid encounters by Total Patient encounters.
Encounter – services provided to a single person on a single day.
Medicaid Encounters – may include $0-paid & denied claims
Must have the following minimum percentages:

- At least 30% Medicaid patient volume
- Pediatricians-only may qualify with at least 20% Medicaid patient volume (will result in receiving only 2/3 of the maximum total incentive payment.)

EPs with at least 50% of practice **in a FQHC or RHC may also include Medically Needy** individuals to meet the 30% Medicaid patient volume.

In a Group Practice?

Only individual EPs may apply; however, a group's total may be used as a proxy for member EPs to ensure all meet Medicaid patient volume requirements if:

- All members practice in the same manner
- All members use the group numbers

Assignment
EP has option to assign his/her payment to the group.

What is Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT)?

- Must acquire and use an EHR in your practice.
- EHR MUST enable EP to meet all "Meaningful Use" (MU) requirements.
- EHR system MUST be certified by CMS

Find certification number on the "Chapel" website (CHPL - Certified HIT Product List):
http://oncchpl.force.com/ehrcert

Who Is An Eligible Professional (EP)?

Must be an active Alabama Medicaid Provider and be one of the following:

- ➢ Any physician
- ➢ Nurse Practitioner
- ➢ Certified Nurse Midwife
- ➢ Dentists
- ➢ Optometrists

Physician Assistant (PA) working in either a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) that is led by a PA. (PA's working in a physician-led clinic are NOT eligible.)

What Does The Application Include?

Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU)

- First year application
- Attest to acquiring (Adopt), installing or beginning use (Implement), or Upgrading an existing system to a CEHRT.
- No reporting period

Meaningful Use (MU) Objectives and Standards

- Required for Years 2 – 6; MU Stages 2 & 3
- Year-2: 90-day reporting period
- Years 3-6: 12-month reporting period (unless modified by CMS)

How Do I Apply?

Must first register with CMS – Registration and Attestation System website:
https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action
Alabama State Level Registry (SLR)
Register & submit application via the State Level Registry

Where To Get Help

CMS - http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html
State of Alabama (Medicaid Agency)
MU Webpage:
http://onehealthrecord.alabama.gov/MU/index.html
Health Information Exchange (HIE):
http://onehealthrecord.alabama.gov/
Meaningful Use Administration Division (MU):

- Telephone: (334) 353-4500
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