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

Program Synopsis
- Cash Payment up to $63,750.00 over 6 year maximum ($21,250 in Year-1; $8,500 in Yrs 2-6)
- 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.

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 the PA. (PA’s working in a physician-led clinic are NOT eligible.)

What Does The Application Include?

**Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU)**
- Must be 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) Measures and Standards**
- Required for Years 2 – 6; MU Stages 1, 2, & 3
- Year-2: Stage 1, 90-day reporting period
- Year-3, Stage 1, 12-month reporting period
- Years 4-6, Stages 2 & 3, 12 month reporting period (TBD 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 SLR: https://al.arraincentive.com

Where To Get Help


**State of Alabama (Medicaid Agency)**

**Health Information Exchange (HIE)**: http://www.onehealthrecord.alabama.gov/

**Medicaid Meaningful Use Administration Division**:
- Telephone: (334) 353-4500
- Email: info@onehealthrecord.alabama.gov

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