

South Dakota Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Payment Program Information for Eligible Professionals

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment program provides incentives to encourage provider adoption, implementation, upgrade or meaningful use of EHRs improving quality of care, safety, and efficiency. Eligible professionals (EPs) include:

- ✓ Physicians (MDs, DOs)
- ✓ Pediatricians
- ✓ Nurse Practitioner
- ✓ Dentists
- ✓ Certified nurse mid-wives
- ✓ Physician Assistants (PAs) when practicing at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) led by a physician assistant .

Most EPs must not be *hospital-based* except when *practicing predominately* in a FQHC or RHC.

A *hospital-based* professional furnishes at least 90 percent of services in a hospital setting either in an inpatient or emergency department. *Practicing predominately* is when the FQHC/RHC is the clinical location for over 50 percent of total encounters over a period of six months in the most recent calendar year.

In the first year of participation, eligible professionals may adopt (acquire, install), implement (commence utilization of EHR), or upgrade (expand) to a certified EHR and must demonstrate meaningful use up to five years of participation to receive maximum payments.

To participate in the incentive program eligible professionals must:

- ✓ Be a South Dakota Medicaid Provider.
- ✓ Register at CMS EHR Incentive Program Website at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>. To register, you will need a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Tax Identification Number (TIN).
- ✓ Check licensure information and effective dates.
- ✓ Have documentation to adopt, implement, upgrade to a certified Electronic Health Record. Verification documents include a signed contract, user agreement, purchase order, receipt, or license agreement.
- ✓ Obtain the CMS EHR Certification Number available at <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>.

Eligible professionals must meet 30 percent patient volume in a consecutive 90 day reporting period in the previous calendar year. An exception is for pediatricians who may meet 20 percent patient volume with payments reduced by 2/3. Clinics and group practices have the option to use the practice or clinic level patient volume and apply it to all EPs in their clinic or group practice.

- ✓ Attest with the South Dakota Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Program -
- ✓ Providers must retain records for a minimum of six years.

The first year payment is \$21,250 with up to five years of \$8,500 yearly payments. Eligible Professionals must begin participation by 2016 and may switch between the Medicare and Medicaid programs once before 2015. For more information about the Medicare program, visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms>. Visit <http://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/incentiveprogram> for more information and links to additional resources.

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