

## Virginia Medicaid EHR Incentive Program FAQ's

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1. What do pediatricians need to do to receive EHR money the first year?

Pediatricians need to prove that they have ADOPTED, IMPLEMENTED or UPGRADED a certified electronic health record (EHR). Pediatricians do NOT have to meet meaningful use criteria until their second year.

2. When do I need to show that I've "adopted, upgraded or implemented"?

To allow time for registration and submitting needed documentation and attestation, it is recommended that pediatricians adopt, implement or upgrade by the fall of the year that they desire payments.

3. How do I prove that I've adopted, upgraded or implemented?

You will need to provide proof. However the details are still being determined.

4. I'm already using an EHR. Can I use my existing EHR product and still get money?

If your EHR product is certified by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), you should qualify for incentive money if you upgrade to your EHR to a version that will allow you to meet meaningful use criteria.

5. Which EHR's are certified?

The Office of the National Coordinator is in the process of temporarily-certifying EHRs. Final certification is expected by the end of 2010. Please note "CCHIT-certified" EHRs are not considered certified as far as receiving incentive money is concerned. Your product must be ONC-certified or ARRA-certified.

6. How many Medicaid patients do I need to qualify for incentive money?

Pediatricians need to show that within a 90-day period that at least 20 percent of their patient visits were Medicaid patients. If you have at least 30% Medicaid, then you qualify for more funds.

7. Do CHIP patients count toward my percent of Medicaid patients?

No. The statutory language that CMS's methodology is based on is for estimating Medicaid patient volume (title XIX) and not on CHIP. That said, for an EP practicing predominantly in an FQHC or RHC, they can consider CHIP patients under the needy individual volume requirements. They will need to show that at least 30% of their patient visits are needy individuals.

8. When will Medicaid payments be given and starting when?

DMAS is expecting approval of their program by the end of the fall of 2010. By January 2011, eligible providers should be able register for the program. Payments are expected to be given as a lump sum payment as soon as you meet the requirements. DMAS plans to begin making payments in the first half of 2011.

9. For my second year of payments, what do I need to do?

To receive the second year of funding, pediatricians must meet Stage 1 Meaningful requirements.

10. Where can I find up to date information on the Virginia Medicaid EHR Incentive program?

DMAS is posting updates and announcements at the following web address:

[http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/pr-arra.aspx](http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/pr-arra.aspx)

11. Who can I contact for further information?

DMAS –Email: [ARRA-Medicaid-Incentives@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:ARRA-Medicaid-Incentives@dmas.virginia.gov)

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