



Meaningful Use Attestation Tip Sheets

Eligible Professional

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What are the deadline dates for attestation?

2016 AIU deadline is 5/31/2017

2015 MU deadline is 6/30/2017

2016 MU deadline is 9/15/2017

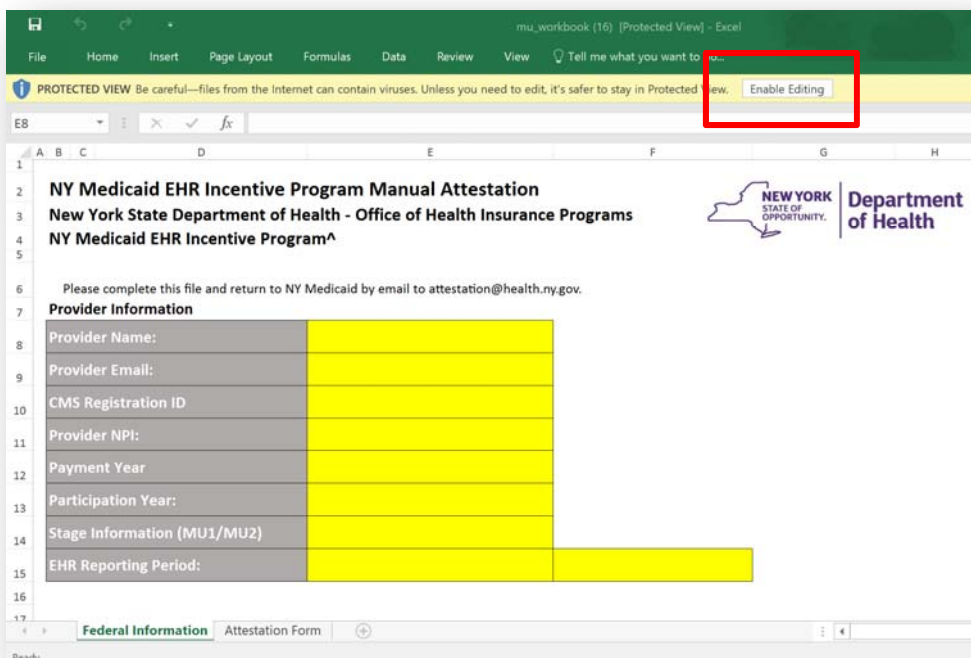
Where is the Meaningful Use Workbook?

The Meaningful Use Workbook can be found on the EHR Incentive Program website at:
https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/ehr/meaningfuluseworkbook.htm

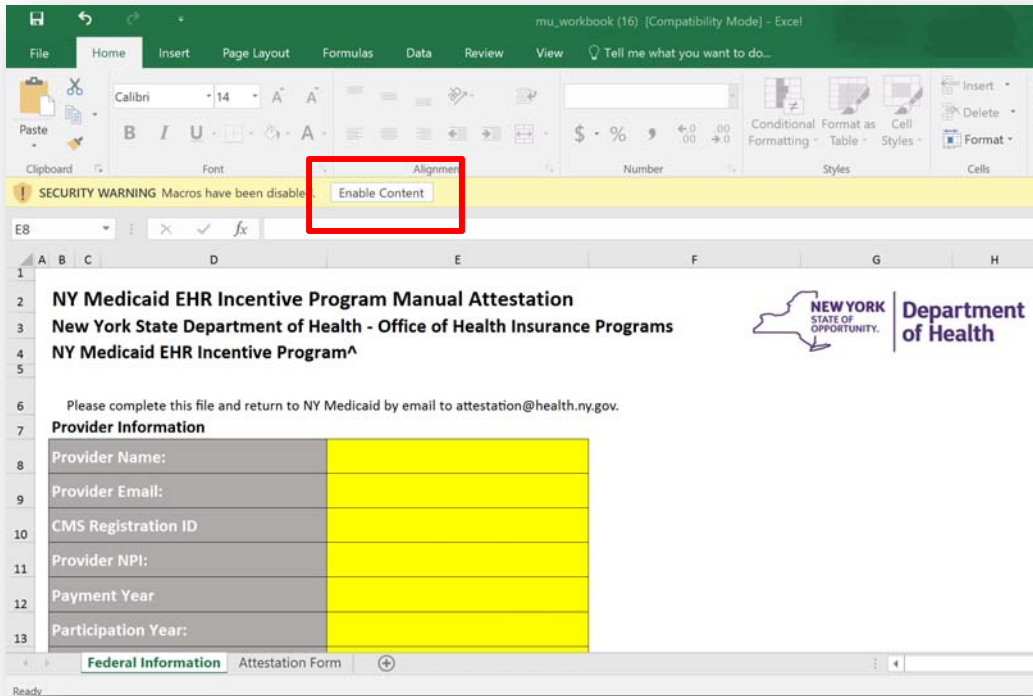
Why is the Measures Tab not generating?

In order to populate the Measures tab please ensure that you have enabled content in the workbook. (See example 1) Also, please ensure that you utilize the drop down menus on the Payment Year, Participation Year, and Stage Information by clicking in the respective yellow box. (See example 2)

Example 1:

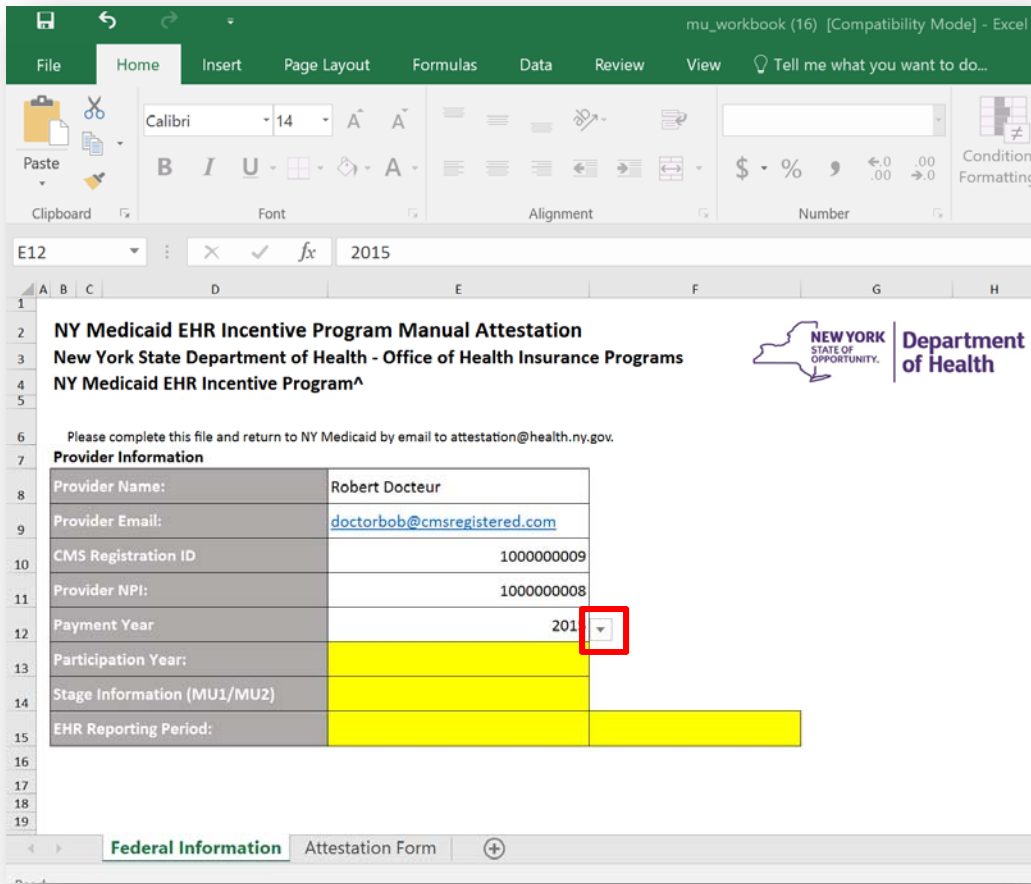


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Click the **Enable Content** button.

Example 2:



NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Manual Attestation
New York State Department of Health - Office of Health Insurance Programs
NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program^

Please complete this file and return to NY Medicaid by email to attestation@health.ny.gov.

Provider Information

Provider Name:	Robert Docteur
Provider Email:	doctorbob@cmsregistered.com
CMS Registration ID	1000000009
Provider NPI:	1000000008
Payment Year	2015
Participation Year:	3
Stage Information (MU1/MU2)	
EHR Reporting Period:	

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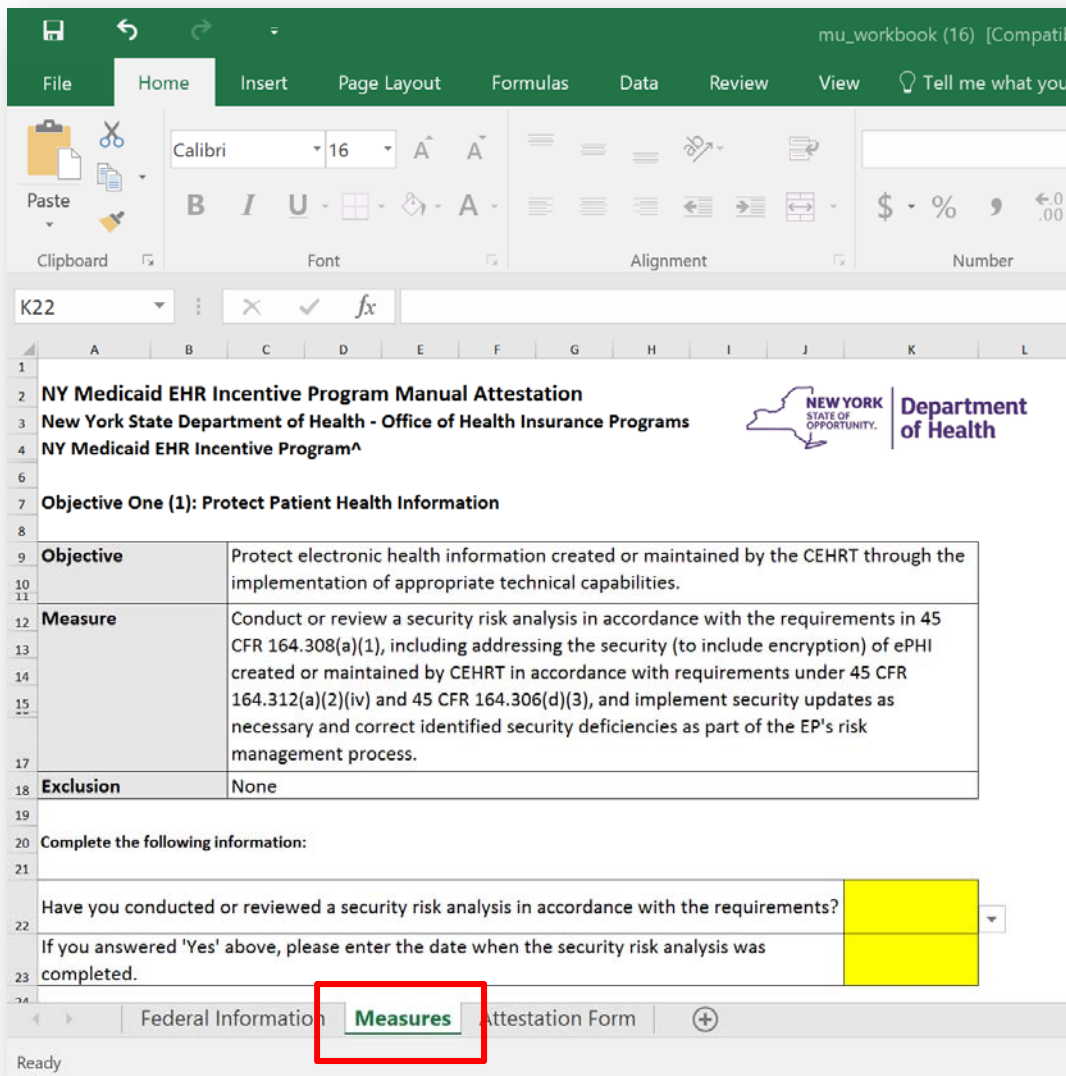
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Provider NPI:	1000000008
Payment Year	2015
Participation Year:	3
Stage Information (MU1/MU2)	MU1
EHR Reporting Period:	

Federal Information | Measures | Attestation Form

Is the Federal Information Tab all I have to complete?

No. Please complete the Federal Information tab as well as the Measures Tab once populated. (See Example 3)

Example 3:

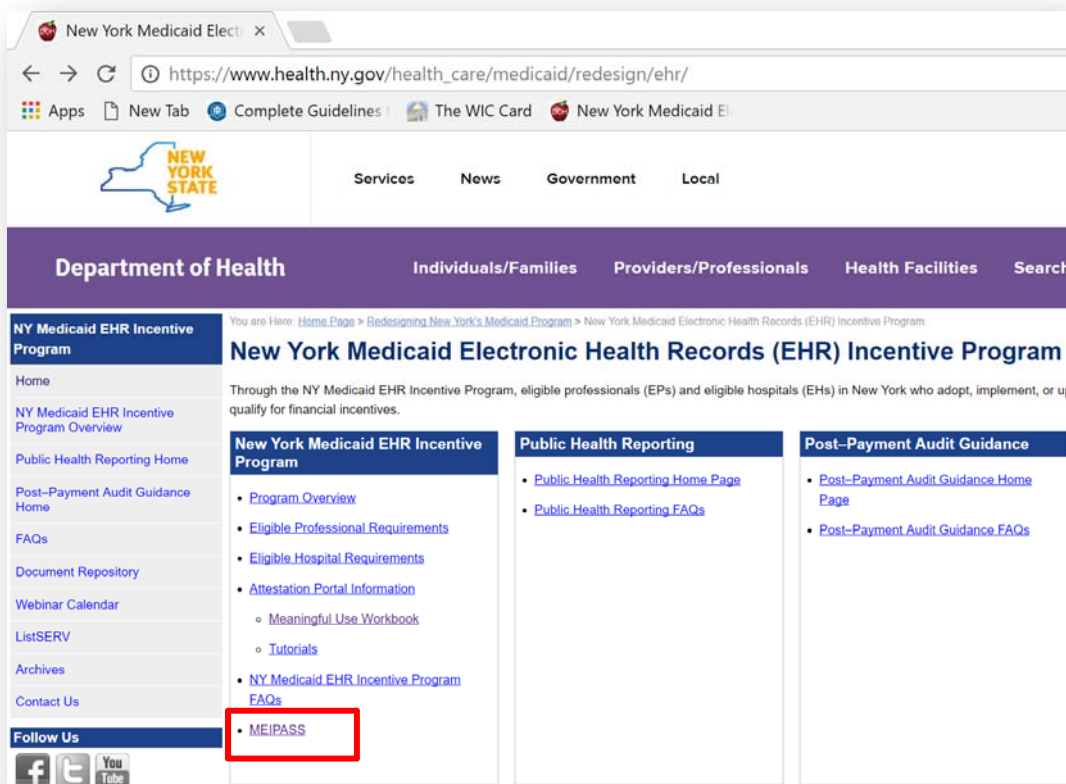


I am unable to complete the Measures in MEIPASS. Where do I complete the Measures and Objective information?

You will not be able to complete the Measures and Objectives information in MEIPASS. You will need to visit our website at https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/ehr/meaningfuluseworkbook.htm and download the Excel workbook.

Once the Federal Information tab has been completed, the Measures tab will populate. Please complete the questions in the Measures tab. (See example 4 for link to workbook.)

Example 4:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/ehr/meaningfuluseworkbook.htm. The page header includes the New York State logo and navigation links for Services, News, Government, and Local. Below this is a purple navigation bar with 'Department of Health' and links for 'Individuals/Families', 'Providers/Professionals', and 'Health Facilities'. The main content area is titled 'NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program' and features a sidebar with links like 'Home', 'Program Overview', 'Public Health Reporting Home', 'Post-Payment Audit Guidance Home', 'FAQs', 'Document Repository', 'Webinar Calendar', and 'ListSERV'. The main content includes a breadcrumb trail, a sub-header 'Meaningful Use Workbook', and a download link for 'Meaningful Use Workbook. (XLS)'. Below this, there is explanatory text and a list of three steps for attesting to meaningful use. The third step, 'Download the Meaningful Use Workbook. (XLS)', is highlighted with a red box.

NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

You are Here: [Home Page](#) > [New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#) > NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Meaningful Use Workbook

Download the [Meaningful Use Workbook. \(XLS\)](#)

To attest to 2015 or 2016 meaningful use, a provider must attest in [MEIPASS](#) and also submit the Meaningful Use Workbook.

The completed Meaningful Use Workbook must be sent to attestation@health.ny.gov for review. After receiving verification from hard copy of the MEIPASS Attestation Document to the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administration Support Services

Steps for Attesting to Meaningful Use:

1. Login to MEIPASS with the provider's ePACES credentials: <https://meipass.emedny.org/ehr/login.xhtml>
2. Complete the attestation process in MEIPASS.
3. Download the [Meaningful Use Workbook. \(XLS\)](#)

Why is MEIPASS not allowing the Patient Volume Reporting Period I chose?

There are two options when choosing the Patient Volume Reporting Period:

1. You can choose to use the previous calendar year for your Patient Volume Reporting Period. For example, if you are attesting for payment year 2015 you can pick any continuous 90 day period within the 2014 calendar year.
2. If you choose to use the preceding 12 months from the date of attestation for your Patient Volume Reporting Period you would choose any continuous 90 day period between the dates you are attesting to 12 months back. For example, if you are attesting for payment year 2015 on 4/6/2017, you could choose any continuous 90 day period from 4/6/2016 – 4/6/2017.

Where can I find the Hardship Exemption?

To complete and submit the Hardship Exemption to avoid the Medicare Payment Adjustment please visit: https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/legislation/ehrincentiveprograms/paymentadj_hardship.html

The screenshot shows a CMS website page with a navigation bar at the top containing buttons for Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination, Private Insurance, Innovation Center, Regulations & Guidance (highlighted), Research, Statistics, Data & Systems, and Outreach & Education. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Regulations and Guidance > EHR Incentive Programs > Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information. On the left is a sidebar menu for 'EHR Incentive Programs' with links for 2016 and 2017 Program Requirements, Educational Resources, Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information (highlighted), Registration & Attestation, Audits and Appeals Overview, Data and Program Reports, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Basics, Clinical Quality Measures Basics, eCOM Library, 2013 Clinical Quality Measures, 2014 Clinical Quality Measures, 2015 CQM Reporting Options, Certified EHR Technology, and Eligible Hospital Information. The main content area is titled 'Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information' and contains a 'Hardship Information' section. This section explains that under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Congress mandated that payment adjustments should be applied to Medicare eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAH) that are not meaningful users of Certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) Technology under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. It further states that if a provider is eligible to participate in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program as an Eligible Professional (EP), Eligible Hospital, or Critical Access Hospital (CAH) you may be exempt from Medicare penalties if you can show that demonstrating Meaningful Use would result in a significant hardship. To be considered for an exemption (to avoid a payment adjustment) you must complete a Hardship Exception application along with the proof of the hardship. If approved, the hardship exemption is valid for only one payment year and you would need to submit a new application for subsequent years. In no case may a provider be granted an exemption for more than 5 years. Below this text are two sub-sections: '2018 Eligible Professional (EP) Hardship Form' and '2018 Eligible Hospital Hardship Form'. The EP section states the deadline for EPs to submit Hardship forms for the 2018 payment adjustment, based on the 2016 EHR reporting period is July 01, 2017, and includes links for '2018 EP Hardship Instructions' and '2018 EP Hardship Application'. The Hospital section states the deadline for Hospitals to submit Hardship forms for the 2018 payment adjustment, based on the 2016 EHR reporting period is July 01, 2017.

What are the next steps after completing MEIPASS Attestation and sending MU Workbook email?

After completing and emailing the Meaningful Use Workbook to us please wait for a confirmation email. Once you receive a confirmation email please print the attestation in MEIPASS, sign, and date the last page. Please, also, print the entire Meaningful Use workbook, attach it to the attestation and mail it to:

***NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administrative Support Service
P.O. Box 809
Rensselaer, NY 12144-0809***

What are the next steps after you send in hard copy of MEIPASS Attestation and Meaningful Use Workbook?

After submitting your hard copy of the MEIPASS attestation and Meaningful Use Workbook we will review the information sent to us. There will be a confirmation email sent after we have reviewed the attestation. If we need additional information we will reach out to you.

When can I attest for 2016 payment year once the 2015 payment year is complete?

The 2016 payment year can be submitted once the 2015 payment year is completed and processed. A confirmation email will be sent to the CMS registered email address to notify the 2016 payment year can be submitted.

Can I attest for both 2015 and 2016 payment years simultaneously?

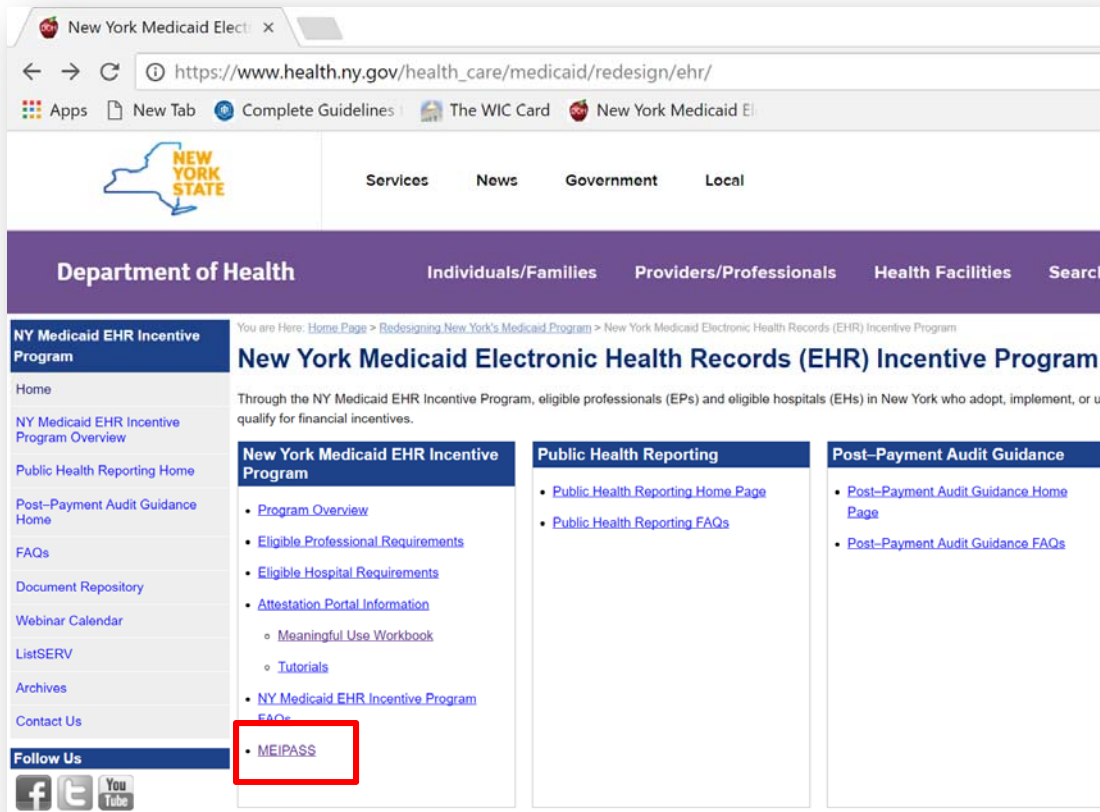
No. Please do separate attestations for the 2015 and 2016 payment year. The 2015 payment year attestation must be completed and processed before the submitting the 2016 payment year attestation.

Can I send in multiple workbooks with the CMS registered email address?

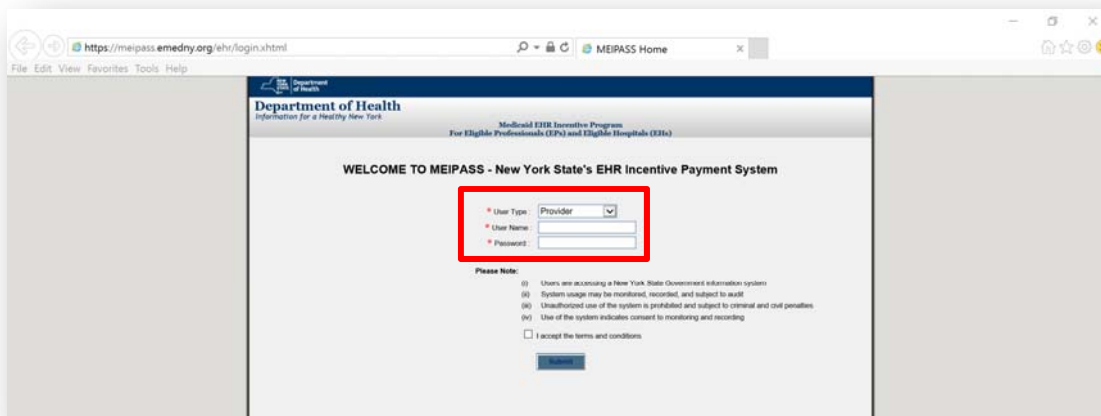
We encourage you to send separate individual workbooks via email with the CMS registered email address. However, if you are sending multiple workbooks in one email, please contact the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program at 877-646-5410 Option 2.

How do I attest in MEIPASS?

How to access MEIPASS Portal: Please visit the New York EHR Incentive Program website <https://www.health.ny.gov/ehr>



Or MEIPASS Portal <https://meipass.emedny.org/ehr/login.xhtml>



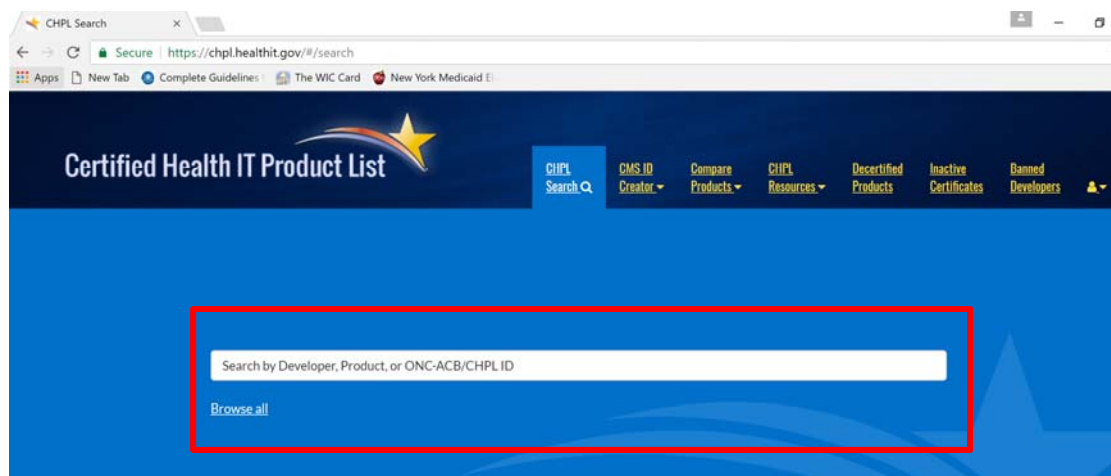
MEIPASS Portal Reminders:

- Your ePACES login credentials are used to access MEIPASS. If there are any questions about the User Name and Password, please contact the MEIPASS Call Center at 877-646-5410 Option 1.
- If there are any updates to the CMS registered email address and physical address on MEIPASS Portal, please contact the CMS Help Desk 888-734-6433.

Error message with CEHRT Registration ID?

First navigate to <http://chpl.healthit.gov>

Search for the CEHRT Registration ID to ensure the ID is valid. If the ID isn't valid, contact the EHR Vendor.



CMS CEHRT Qualifications: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Certification.html>

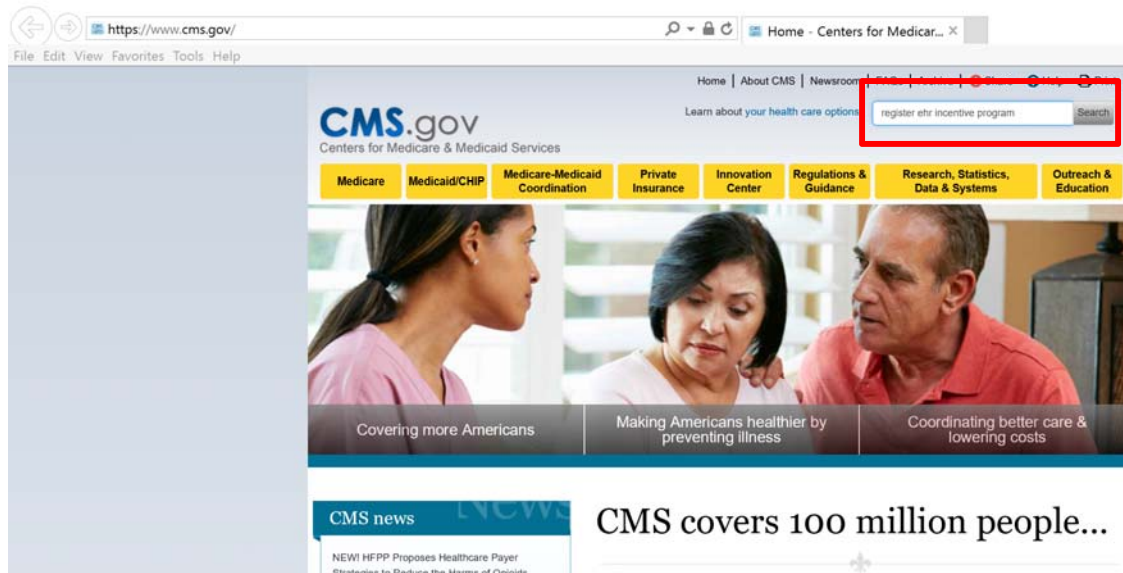
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CMS Registration:

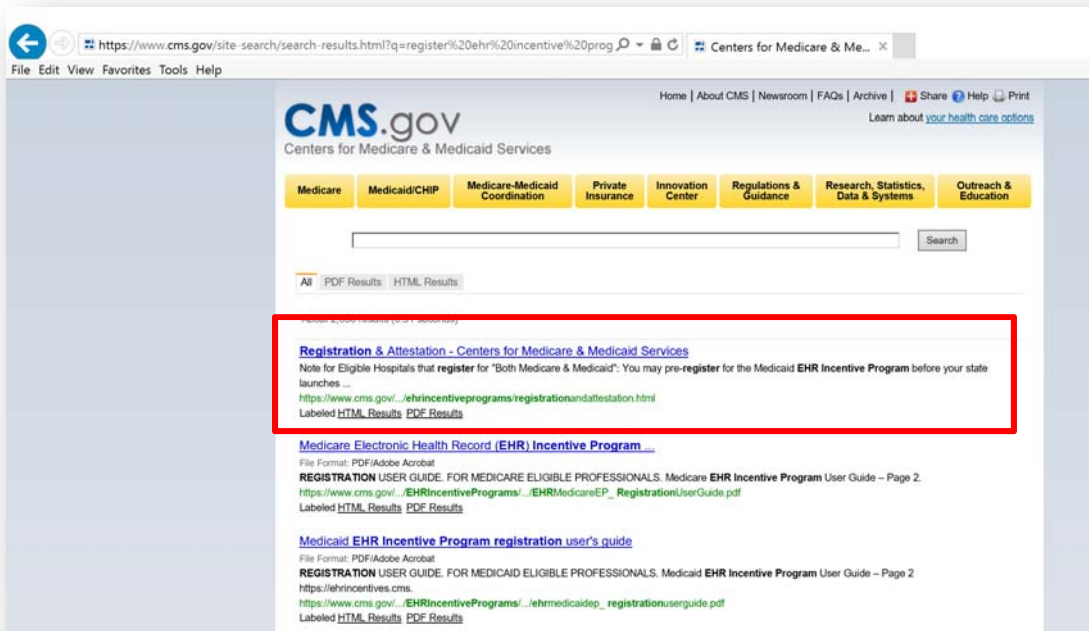
- A provider can only choose either the Medicaid EHR Incentive or the Medicare EHR Incentive. The choice to enroll in the Medicaid incentive is made by registering for the EHR Incentive on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and selecting the Medicaid EHR Incentive.
- When providers register on CMS they can elect where their incentive payment will be assigned, what contact information will be provided in the MEIPASS information, and what ONC (Office of the National Coordinator) certified EHR technology the provider is electing to use.

CMS Website: <https://www.cms.gov/>

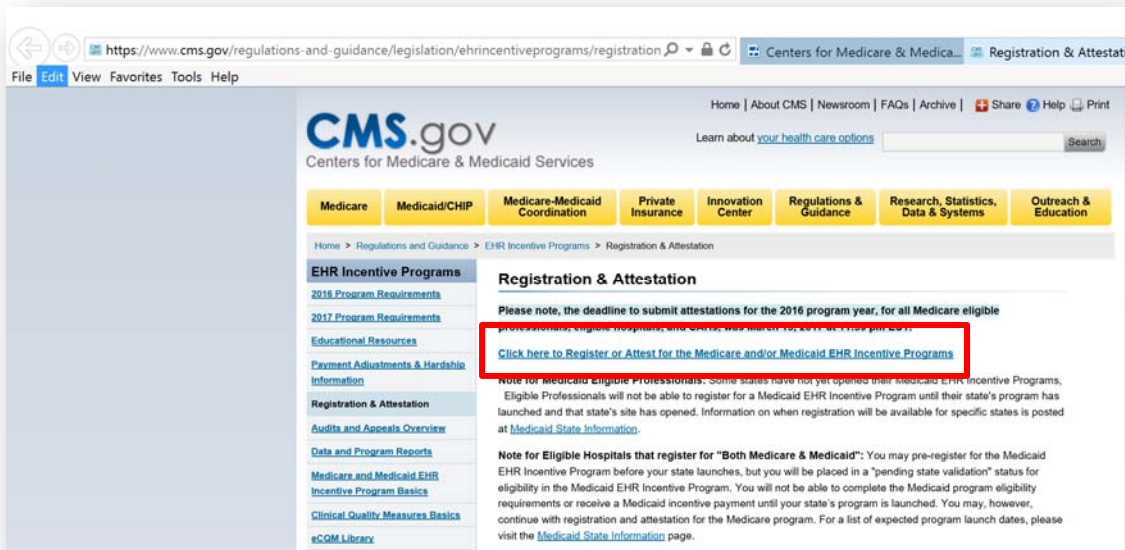
Step 1:



Step 2:



Step 3:



What Stage (MU1 or MU2) do I enter for Stage Information on the MU Workbook?

To locate the Stage (MU1 or MU2) for Stage Information on MU Workbook, please log-in to the MEIPASS Portal to verify under Reporting Type.

The screenshot shows the MEIPASS portal interface. At the top, it says 'Department of Health' and 'Medicaid EHR Incentive Program For Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs)'. The user is logged in as 'DOCTORBOB'. There are navigation tabs for 'Home', 'Attestation', 'Status', and 'Payment Information'. The 'Status' tab is selected, and the page title is 'Status'. Below the title, there are fields for 'Provider Name' and 'CMS Registration ID', both with 'Highlight Box' labels. A table is displayed with the following data:

Payment/Adjusted Year	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Registration Status
1	03/30/2012	AIU	Paid
2	09/22/2013	MU Stage 1	Paid
3	03/31/2014	MU Stage 1	State Review

The third row of the table is highlighted with a red border.

Should my EHR Reporting Period be the same as my Patient Volume Reporting Period?

No. The EHR Reporting Period must fall within the Payment Year. The Patient Volume Reporting can be either:

- Any 90 days within the previous calendar year

OR

- Any 90 days within the preceding 12 months from the date of attestation

Example 1:

2015 Payment Year

EHR Reporting Period: Any consecutive 90-day period in 2015 calendar year

Patient Volume Reporting Period:

- Previous Calendar Year = Any 90 days within the 2014 Year

OR

- Preceding 12 Months from the date of attestation (XX/XX/2016-XX-XX/2017)

Example 2:

2016 Payment Year

EHR Reporting Period: Any consecutive 90-day period in 2016 calendar year

Patient Volume Reporting Period:

- Previous Calendar Year = Any 90 days within the 2015 Year

OR

- Preceding 12 Months from the date of attestation (XX/XX/2016-XX-XX/2017)

Questions?

Contact the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Support Line.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time

Phone: 1-877-646-5410

- Option 1 – ETIN certification, ePACES, and MEIPASS credentials
- Option 2 – Program Policies, Patient Volume, Meaningful Use, and Attestation Review
- Option 3 – Public Health Reporting Guidance, Registration, and Status

Visit <https://health.ny.gov/ehr> for more information about the program.