



Eligible Professional Tip Sheet

This guide is intended to provide eligible professionals (EPs) with a brief overview of the requirements for the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Please review the checklists and click the blue hyperlinks to navigate to valuable resources that will assist you in preparing to attest to the adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology (CEHRT).

Prerequisites

EPs must have these items in place in order to successfully attest in [MEIPASS](#).

<input type="checkbox"/> CMS Registration ID	EPs receive a 10-digit ID upon registering at https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/
<input type="checkbox"/> ETIN	Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN) links an EP to an ePACES account.
<input type="checkbox"/> ePACES	The ePACES user name and password are used to submit your attestation online through MEIPASS.
<input type="checkbox"/> EHR Certification ID	Visit http://healthit.gov/chpl to obtain the certification ID for your EHR system.

Medicaid Patient Volume (MPV)

For each participation year, EPs must demonstrate at least 30% Medicaid patient volume for a continuous 90-day reporting period.

<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Period	MPV must be for a continuous 90-day period from either the previous calendar year or 12 months preceding the attestation date.
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Aggregate	EPs in a group practice or clinic may use aggregate patient volume as a proxy for individual data.
<input type="checkbox"/> Needy Patients	EPs who practice predominantly at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) may include additional encounter types.
<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatricians	Pediatricians may demonstrate 20-30% patient volume but will only receive two-thirds of the incentive payment when under 30%.

Incentive payments to EPs are disbursed over the course of 6 participation years. EPs may receive \$21,250 for the first participation year and \$8,500 for each remaining participation year.



Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade (AIU)

In participation year 1, EPs may attest to either adopt, implement or upgrade.

<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt	Acquire, purchase, or secure access to certified EHR technology.
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement	Install or commence utilization of certified EHR technology, such as staff training or data transfer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade	Expand functionality of existing certified EHR or move from non-certified to a certified version.



Meaningful Use (MU)

EPs may begin attesting to meaningful use in either participation year 1 (skipping AIU) or in participation year 2 (after completing AIU).

<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Period	EPs attesting to MU for the first time must demonstrate MU for a continuous 90-day period during the payment year. Afterwards, EPs must demonstrate MU for the complete payment year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Objectives & Measures	Each stage of meaningful use has a required set of objectives and measures. Visit https://www.cms.gov/ for more details.
<input type="checkbox"/> CQMs	EPs must report on at least 9 (of 64) clinical quality measures (CQMs) from at least 3 (of 6) National Quality Strategy (NQS) domains.
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Locations	EPs who practice in multiple locations must collect MU data from all locations with certified EHR technology.



Program Integrity

Attestations must truly reflect the EHR activities (AIU or MU) performed during the payment year. In light of the possibility of post-payment audit, EPs are required to retain documentation in support of all attestations for no fewer than six years after each payment year. Contact hitech@omig.ny.gov for more guidance about post-payment audit.

Program Resources

What should you do first? Below are suggested actions in preparation to attest.



Visit www.health.ny.gov/ehr/

Our website contains up to date program information and resources, including:

- Webinars
- Email LISTSERV
- Step-by-step attestation guides for MEIPASS
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Contact a Regional Extension Center (REC)

New York State has two RECs that provide support services to healthcare providers as they navigate the EHR adoption process and achievement of meaningful use.

NYC Regional Electronic Adoption Center for Health (NYC REACH) offers support services to providers located in the five boroughs of New York City.

Website: www.nycreach.org

Email: pcip@health.nyc.gov

Phone: 347-396-4888

New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) offers support services to providers located outside of New York City, including the upstate region and Long Island.

Website: www.nyehealth.org

Email: hapsinfo@nyehealth.org

Phone: 646-619-6400



Calculate your Medicaid patient volume

EPs may contact hit@health.ny.gov to request a summary of Medicaid claims billed under their NPI for a specific reporting period (e.g. calendar year 2014).



Contact us at 877-646-5410 or hit@health.ny.gov

Questions? We have a dedicated support team that will guide you through the attestation process.