

Delaware Medical Assistance Program and Health Information Technology (HIT)

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Care Act, more commonly referred to as the HITECH Act, was enacted as part of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Section 4210 establishes an incentive payment program for Medicare and Medicaid providers to encourage the adoption and use of electronic health records. This program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals as they adopt and demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Eligible professionals may receive up to \$63,750 over 6 years and eligible hospitals may receive payments based on a number of factors, beginning with a \$2 million base payment. The Medicaid EHR incentive program is voluntary. Delaware launched the EHR Provider Incentive Payment program in November 2011 and has paid incentive payments to 778 Eligible Professionals including 7 Eligible Hospitals totaling \$ 24,239,082.64.

In April 2012, DMAP began accepting Stage 1 Meaningful Use attestations from Eligible Hospitals (EH). Implementation of Stage 1 for Eligible Professionals (EP) started July 2012. Over 279 Eligible Professionals have successfully attested to Stage 1 Meaningful Use, including several of Delaware's Eligible Hospitals.

For Program Year 2013, Delaware continues to accept Stage 1 Meaningful Use attestations. Core and Menu set measures must be reported to meet Meaningful Use for the first or second year of Stage 1 of the EHR Incentive Program, in addition to Clinical Quality Measures.

As of mid-September 2013, over 50 percent of the Eligible Professionals have attested for Stage 1 Meaningful Use and over 40 percent of the hospitals have attested to Stage 1 Meaningful Use.

Providers can register with CMS and apply through the Delaware Medical Assistance Program (DMAP). Providers, who are considering an investment in EHR technology, evaluate their eligibility for the program and their ability to meet the proposed requirements in order to qualify for the incentive payments. For more information, go to **Delaware Medical Assistance Program (DMAP)**.

If you would like more information on the DMAP Provider Incentive Program for Electronic Health Records please direct your inquiries to **[Delaware Provider Incentive Payment Team.](#)**

Total Unique Eligible Professionals attesting to Year 1 Adopt, Implement or Upgrade of EHR: 497

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM YEAR

	Program Year 2011		Program Year 2012		Program Year 2013	
	EP	EH	EP	EH	EP	EH
A/I/U	355	7	108	0	34	0
Amt. Paid	\$7,536,667.00	\$7,691,538.43	\$2,280,834.00	\$0.00	\$722,500.00	\$0
MU	0	0	247	2	24	1
Amt. Paid	\$0	\$0	\$2,096,667.00	\$2,515,709.68	\$204,000.00	\$1,191,166.53

Incentive Payment by Provider Type	
PHYSICIAN	\$10,222,668.00
NURSE PRACITIONER	\$2,074,000.00
CERT NURSE MIDWIFE	\$263,500.00
DENTIST	\$106,250.00
ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS	\$7,553,894.41
CHILDRENS HOSPITALS	\$3,844,520.23

