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# Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

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# Where Are We Now?

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- DHCS submitted its State Medicaid HIT Plan in February
- CMS will not allow THP clinics to be treated as FQHCs
- CMS notified CMS that it would require 100% prepayment verification using tight variances (3-5%) of all provider submitted data. Our SMHP had only planned on a 10% random sample
- Running the data for each provider will require 40 minutes of computer time.
- Clearly a work around is necessary for most providers.

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# Prequalification



- A proposal to use existing data sources to determine eligibility before application
  - All Medi-Cal providers with 1000 encounters in 2010 would be eligible (DHCS claims and encounter data)
  - All Medi-Cal providers with 300 active managed care patients (DHCS claims and encounter data)
  - All clinics with 30% Medi-Cal or Needy volume in 2010 (OSHPD clinic data)

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- All providers or clinics not prequalified would still be able to apply through the State Level Registry based on data they provide.
  - DHCS projects that it can prequalify over half of eligible providers
  - CMS must still approve this approach but states that DHCS is on the right track.
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# Timeline



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- Launch date is still uncertain—building the SLR is more complicated than anticipated. Want to get it right.
  - Probable phased approach
    - Hospitals first
    - Groups/Clinics second
    - Providers last



# Resources

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms>

California Department of Healthcare Services

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/DHCSOHIT.aspx>

Medi-Cal State Level Registry

<http://medi-cal.ehr.ca.gov/>

Send questions to:

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