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Meaningful Use, EHR Incentives, and Indian Health Programs in California

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Meaningful Use

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 outlines three components of Meaningful Use:

- The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner (e.g.: e-prescribing).
- The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of healthcare.
- The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.

In short, “Meaningful Use” means using certified EHR technology in ways that can be measured significantly in quality and in quantity for improved healthcare.

Eligible providers that attest to Meaningful Use can earn EHR incentive payments.

EHR Incentives

Incentives will be available in the following phases:

1. Adopt Implement or Upgrade (AIU) to a Certified EHR.
2. Stage 1 Meaningful Use
3. Stage 2 Meaningful Use
4. Stage 3 Meaningful Use

In order to receive the incentive funds, Eligible Professionals will have to register and attest for the EHR Incentive program of their choice (Medicaid or Medicare) within the timeframes established by the CMS National Level Registry and their respective State Level Registry

- Medicare \$ 44,000 / provider – (started 2011 runs through 2015)
- Medicaid \$ 63,750 / provider – (started in 2011 runs until 2021)

Six years of payment per provider under Medicaid, five under Medicare

Indian Health Clinics signed up with NIREC-CA

- American Indian Health and Services
- Central Valley Indian Health, Inc.
- Chapa-De Indian Health Program, Inc.
- Consolidated Tribal Health Project Inc.
- Feather River Tribal Health Center
- Greenville Rancheria
- Indian Health Council
- Karuk Tribal Health and Human Services
- K'ima:w Medical Center
- Lake County Tribal Health Consortium
- Lassen Indian Health Center
- MACT Health Board
- Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic
- Northern Valley Indian Health
- Pit River Health Services, Inc.
- Quartz Valley/ANAV Tribal Health Clinic
- Redding Rancheria
- Riverside San Bernardino Indian Health Center Inc
- Rolling Hills Clinic
- Round Valley Indian Health Center
- Sacramento Native American Health Center, Inc.
- San Diego American Indian Health Center
- Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic
- Shingle Springs Tribal Health
- Sonoma County Indian Health Project
- Southern Indian Health Council
- Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Inc.
- Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc.
- Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health Center
- United American Indian Involvement, Inc.
- United Indian Health Services, Inc.
- Warner Mountain Indian Health Project

Medi-Cal EHR Incentives



Last year, during the first phase of the Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program, clinics who adopted/ implemented/ upgraded (AIU) to a certified EHR and met the required Medi-Cal patient volume received \$21,250 per eligible professional.

**Total EHR Incentives Paid to Date to
California Indian Health Clinics**

\$3,164,226

As a continuation of the Medi-Cal EHR Incentive program, eligible professionals who meet Stage 1 MU will be able to receive an additional \$8,500 for every year they meet increasingly more complex MU requirements, up to 5 years.

Meaningful Use criteria changes



MU under Stage 1 criteria in 2013

- ❑ 13 Core Objectives (Performance Measures)
- ❑ 5 out of 10 Menu Objectives (Performance Measures)
- ❑ 6 CQMs (3 core or alternate core if zero denominator plus 3 from additional set)

U under Stage 1 criteria n 2014

- ❑ 13 Core Objectives (Performance Measures)
- ❑ 5 out of 9 Menu Objectives (Performance Measures)
- ❑ 9 CQMs

MU under Stage 2 criteria

- ❑ 17 core objectives (Performance Measures)
- ❑ 3 out of 6 Menu Objectives, or a total of 20 core objectives.

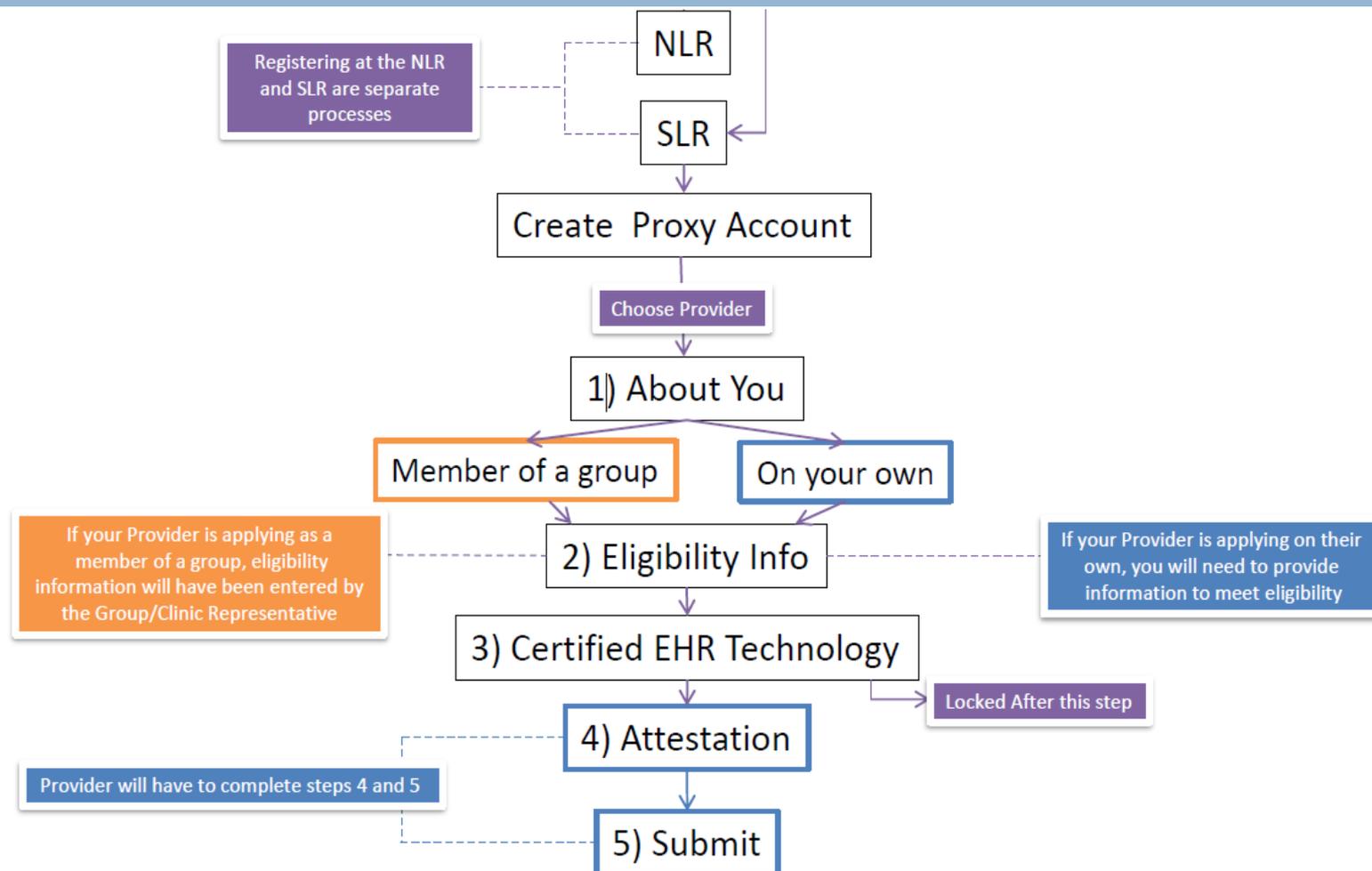
For many of these Stage 2 objectives, the threshold that providers must meet for the objective has been raised.

EHR Incentive Registration and Attestation

- **Attestation:** Providers must “attest” to Meaningful Use in order to earn EHR incentive payments through Medicare or Medicaid. Attestation has three steps:
 - **Step 1 - Register ALL Eligible Providers with CMS (National Level Registry)**
 - **Step 2 - Create accounts in Medi-Cal EHR Provider Incentive Portal (State Level Registry-SLR)**
 - **Step 3 - Attest to the Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program annually as each provider achieves their goals per Stage**
- **Cross train multiple staff to help providers register & attest to prevent delay in applying for / receiving annual incentive payments.**
 - **In CA, 25% of Tribal/Urban Providers are still not registered for the EHR Incentive Program**
 - **In CA, only About 25% of eligible Tribal/Urban Health Providers have applied to receive their Stage 1 MU \$\$\$**
 - **In CA, close to \$2 million in unclaimed funds by Tribal/Urban programs!!!**



Registration and Attestation



Reporting in 2014



All providers regardless of their stage of Meaningful Use are only required to demonstrate meaningful use for a 90-day EHR reporting period.

CMS is permitting this one time 3 month reporting period in 2014 only. This will allow providers who must upgrade to 2014 Certified EHR Technology to have adequate time to implement their new system.

1 st Year	Stage of Meaningful Use										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
2011	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
2012		1	1	2	2	3	3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
2013			1	1	2	2	3	3	TBD	TBD	TBD
2014				1	1	2	2	3	3	TBD	TBD
2015					1	1	2	2	3	3	TBD
2016						1	1	2	2	3	3
2017							1	1	2	2	3

REC Services are ending...



Effective September 29, 2013 NIREC will no longer be accepting requests for technical assistance. All approved requests for services will be provided by December 31, 2013.

NIREC-CA will be limited to providing the following services between September 29, 2013 through December 31, 2013

- Review MU reports for improvements
- Support EHR/MU team meetings
- Sharing Best Practices / workflows
- Security Risk Analysis guides
- NextGen and other commercial EHRs
- National MU Team updates
- Annual Provider Attestations National and State Level Registry

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