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EHR HOSPITAL REPORTING AND ATTESTATION

Attestation Deadline

With the end of fiscal year 2013 on September 30, EHs who are participating in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program should begin preparing to attest to demonstrating MU. Note that November 30, 2013, is the EH deadline for FY 2013 attestation. Hospitals participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program should refer to their [state's attestation deadlines](#).

It is essential that hospitals *eligible* for Medicare—even if they are only participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program—demonstrate MU in 2013 to avoid a payment adjustment in FY 2015.

Important Milestones

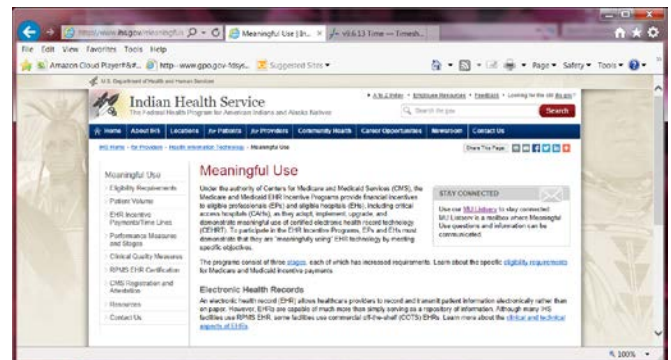
October 1, 2013, not only marked the start of FY 2014 but also of many important MU milestones for EHs, such as:

- The start of [Stage 2](#) for EHs that have completed at least two years of Stage 1
- A reduced EHR [incentive payment](#) for hospitals that begin participating in 2014 (or later)

- A [three-month reporting period](#) in 2014, regardless of the stage of MU, to allow more time to upgrade to 2014 certified EHR technology
 - The reporting period must be fixed to the quarter for Medicare EHs.
 - The reporting period can be any 90 days for Medicaid EHs.

Register for the [MU Listserv](#) to exchange information and keep current about the requirements for achieving meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

MU WEB SITE RECEIVES FACELIFT



The National MU Team, in coordination with the IHS web team, is pleased to announce that the meaningful use web site has been updated with new information in a helpful format. Changes include:

- User-friendly navigation
- Separate pages that detail Stage 1 and Stage 2 requirements
- Stand-alone patient volume section
- Expanded resources
- Glossary of MU terms
- Much, much more!

For help with all of your MU needs, visit the revised site at <http://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse/>.

WHO'S WHO IN MU?

As FY/CY 2014 begins, keep in mind that your national MU consultant is available to assist with your various needs. Whether you have questions about the registration process or how to demonstrate MU, the national MU team is prepared to help. See below for the specific consultant assigned to your area.

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IMPORTANT DATES: PLAN AHEAD

See below for some of the upcoming deadlines of the EHR Incentive Program for both EHs and EPs. Be sure to plan accordingly.

- Nov. 30, 2013: Last day for EHs to register and attest to receive a Medicare incentive payment for FY 2013.
- Dec. 31, 2013: Reporting year ends for EPs.
- January 1, 2014: Reporting period begins for EPs for CY 2014. (Note that 2014 is the last year EPs can begin the Medicare program.)
- February 28, 2014: Last day for EPs to register and attest to receive a Medicare incentive payment for CY 2013.
- July 3, 2014: Last day for EHs to begin their 90-day reporting period to demonstrate MU for FY 2014.
- September 30, 2014: Reporting year ends for EHs.
- October 1, 2014: Reporting period begins for FY 2015; EHs that do not successfully demonstrate MU of certified EHR technology will be subject to Medicare payment adjustments beginning in FY 2015.
- October 3, 2014: Last day for EPs to begin a 90-day reporting period for CY 2014.
- November 30, 2014: Last day for EHs to register and attest to receive a Medicare incentive payment for FY 2014.
- December 31, 2014: Reporting year ends for EPs.

*Have a safe and fun Halloween
from your MU Team!*

