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MEMORANDUM

TO: RHCF and Community Services Members

FROM: Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Director of Public Policy Solutions

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SUBJECT: **CMS EHR Incentive Program**

ROUTE TO: Administrator/Director, Medical Director, Therapy Director

ABSTRACT: NYAHS provides update on federal EHR incentive program.

Introduction

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released the following update information on the federal electronic health records incentive program. Interested providers should access the resources listed in the following CMS release for further details.

Have you registered for the CMS EHR Incentive Programs yet? Registration for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs has already begun, and providers and hospitals began receiving their Medicaid EHR incentive payments in January. The University of Kentucky Healthcare, the University of Kentucky's teaching hospital, and Central Baptist Hospital became the first hospitals to receive payments, and physicians at the Gastorf Family Clinic in Durant, OK, became the first eligible professionals to collect their initial Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments.

Not sure if you are eligible to participate in the EHR Incentive Programs? Need help with registration? The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website features several resources to assist you, including:

- [The Eligibility Widget](#) – In order to register, you must first find out if you qualify as an eligible professional or eligible hospital. The eligibility widget will walk you step-by-step through the eligibility requirements, letting you know if you qualify for the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. You can find this resource on the CMS website at http://www.CMS.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp.
- [Information About Registration](#) – To help you prepare, a list of all the information you will need during your registration process is provided for both eligible professionals and eligible hospitals. You can find this resource on the CMS website at http://www.CMS.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp#BOOKMARK2

- [The Eligible Professional Registration Webinar](#) – Are you ready to register? Check out the registration webinar for eligible professionals, which provides video guidance to help you through the registration process. View at <http://www.YouTube.com/user/CMSHHSgov#p/u/0/sKngNjd8Iuc>.
- [Hospital Tip Sheets](#) – Located on the EHR Incentive Programs website are helpful tip sheets providing information on payment and eligibility guidelines for Medicare, Medicaid, and Critical Access Hospitals. You can find these resources at http://www.CMS.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/55_EducationalMaterials.asp.
- [EHR Listserv](#) – CMS has created a new listserv specifically about the EHR Incentive Programs. The listserv will provide timely, authoritative information about the programs, including registration and attestation updates and details about the payment process. By subscribing to the listserv, you'll be kept informed of upcoming deadlines and answers to the questions and concerns that we have gathered from eligible professionals and hospitals in the field. New updates will be emailed through the listserv to keep you informed of any developments, and subscribers will be notified of any new FAQs that are published on the CMS EHR Incentive Programs' website. Sign up at and learn more http://www.CMS.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/65_CMS_EHR_Listserv.asp.

Learn more about the EHR Incentive Programs and keep up to date at

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

EHR Incentive Programs: Not Sure Where to Start?

Everyone's talking about the Medicare & Medicare Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs. Not sure what it's all about? CMS has developed the following tip sheets to get you started. You can view them electronically or [order free printed copies](#).

Payment and Eligibility For Professionals

- [Eligibility Flow Chart](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Eligible Professionals](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Eligible Professionals](#)
- [Medicare EHR Incentive Program, Physician Quality Reporting System, and e-Prescribing Comparison](#)

Payment and Eligibility For Hospitals

- [Tip Sheet for Medicare Hospitals](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Critical Access Hospitals](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Medicaid Hospitals](#)

And for more information, visit the <http://www.CMS.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms> for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

Please contact me with any questions at pcucinelli@nyahsa.org or call 518-867-8827.