

# Promoting Interoperability Updates for Program Year 2020

Alabama Medicaid's Promoting Interoperability, formerly known as the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program is gearing up for accepting Program Year 2020 applications and would like to update our provider population with a few announcements.

Alabama's State Level Registry (SLR) will begin accepting Program Year 2020 applications on **December 1, 2020**. All Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2021.

The link to the SLR is: <https://alslr.thinkhts.com/>.

## **Important Updates:**

### **Stage 3**

- A provider must attest to Stage 3 for Program Year 2020
- The Spec Sheets for Program Year 2020 can be located on the CMS website at:
  - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicaid-ep-2020-table-contents.pdf>

### **MU/EHR Reporting Period and eCQMS for Program Year 2020**

- For 2020 the EHR reporting period for Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) is a minimum of any continuous 90-day reporting period within calendar (CY) 2020.
- EPs are required to report on a 90-day eCQM reporting period. EPs are required to report on any six eCMS related to their scope of practice. In addition, Medicaid EPs are required to report on at least one outcome measure. If no outcome measures are relevant to that EP, they must report on at least one other high-priority measure. If there are no outcome or high priority measures relevant to an EP's scope of practice, they must report on any six relevant measures.
- The list of available eCQMs for EPs in 2020 found at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms>.

### **Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT)**

- All participants in the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program are required to use 2015 Edition CEHRT.
- The EP must be using the 2015 Edition functionality for the full EHR reporting period.

### **Security Risk Analysis**

- For Program Year 2020, the Security Risk Analysis (SRA) can be performed before, during, or after the EHR/MU reporting period but **must** be performed during the calendar year, January 1-December 31, 2020.
- The SRA must cover the entire reporting period.
- The SRA Compliance Form has been updated. The new form is attached. The form must be completed, signed, and uploaded with the application.

### **Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting**

- Providers are required to have an ADPH letter for all Public Health registries attesting to. The letter from Program Year 2019 application is not valid for Program Year 2020.
- Exclusions letters are required for measures that cannot be met.
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is available **ONLY** to providers who used it in a prior program year. It is not available to EPs for PY2020.

***For additional updates and the latest information, please refer to the agency's Promoting Interoperability (PI) website at the following link:***

[http://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/2.0\\_Newsroom/2.7\\_Special\\_Initiatives/2.7.2\\_Meaningful\\_Use.aspx](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/2.0_Newsroom/2.7_Special_Initiatives/2.7.2_Meaningful_Use.aspx)

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