

Promoting Interoperability

Updates for Program Year 2021

Alabama Medicaid's Promoting Interoperability, formerly known as the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program Division is gearing up for accepting Program Year 2021 applications and would like to update our provider population with a few announcements.

Alabama's State Level Registry (SLR) will begin accepting Program Year 2021 applications beginning on **July 1, 2021**. All Applications must be submitted by August 31, 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 2021
- The Spec Sheets for Program Year 2021 are the same as Program Year 2020 and they 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 eQMS for Program Year 2021

- For program years 2020 and 2021 the EHR reporting period for Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) is a minimum of any continuous 90-day reporting period within calendar (CY) 2020 or 2021.
- EPs are required to report on a 90-day eQCM 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 eQMs for EPs for 2020 and 2021 can be 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

- The Security Risk Analysis (SRA) can be conducted outside the EHR reporting period; however, the analysis must be unique for each reporting period and include the full EHR reporting period.
- The SRA **must** be conducted within the calendar year of attestation.
- The SRA Compliance Form has been updated. The new form is attached. It 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.
- 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 PY2021.
- **Exclusions letters are required for ALL measures that cannot be met.**

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

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