

# Promoting Interoperability

## News & Updates for Program Year 2019

Alabama Medicaid's Promoting Interoperability, formerly known as the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program Division is gearing up for accepting Program Year 2019 applications and would like to update our provider population with a few announcements.

Alabama's State Level Registry (SLR) will begin accepting Program Year 2019 applications on **Monday, January 6, 2020**. All Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2020.

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

### **Important Notices:**

#### **Stage 3**

- A provider must attest to Stage 3 for Program Year 2019.
- The Spec Sheets for Program Year 2019 can be located on the CMS website at:
  - [https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/TableofContents\\_EP\\_Medicaid\\_2019.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/TableofContents_EP_Medicaid_2019.pdf)
  - **Note:** Objective 6 and 7 were updated to clarify the requirements for meeting these objectives with the following language:
    - An EP must attest to all three measures and meet the threshold for two measures for this objective. If the EP meets the criteria for exclusion from two measures, they must meet the threshold for the one remaining measure. If they meet the criteria for exclusion from all three measures, they may be excluded from meeting this objective.

#### **MU/EHR Reporting Period and eCQMS**

- Any provider can attest to a 90-day reporting period for the Meaningful Use measures.
- A first-year Meaningful Use provider will also attest to a 90-day eCQM reporting period.
- A second-year or later returning Meaningful Use provider must attest to a 365-day eCQM reporting period.
- EPs are required to report on any six eCMS related to their scope of practice.

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

- Beginning with the EHR reporting period in calendar year 2019, all participants in the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program are required to use 2015 Edition CEHRT.
- The 2015 Edition CEHRT did not need to be in place by January 1, 2019 but must be used for the entire EHR reporting period of any continuous, self-selected 90-day period.

- The 2015 Edition CEHRT functionality must be in place by the first day of the EHR reporting period and the product must be certified to the 2015 Edition criteria by the last day of the EHR reporting period.

### **Security Risk Analysis**

- For Program Year 2019, 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, 2019.
- The SRA must cover the entire reporting period.
- The SRA must be unique per program year; the same SRA cannot be used more than once.
- 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**

- Specialized Registries are no longer available for Stage 3.
- 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 Stage 3.
- Providers are required to have an ADPH letter for all Public Health registries attesting to. The letter for the Program Year 2018 application is not valid for Program Year 2019.

***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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