

District of Columbia Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly Meaningful Use): Guidelines for Program Year 2020 and 2021



What is the purpose of this guide?

- Highlight the accelerated Promoting Interoperability (PI) program, formerly Meaningful Use, timelines and adjusted attestation periods
- Provide understanding for PI program timelines and requirements for Program Years 2020 and 2021
- Enable Eligible Providers to successfully participate in the final two program years of the PI program

Why is there an accelerated timeline?

As part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Act, The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), established program year 2021 as the last year to participate in the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability program. As such, federal law requires all incentives distributed by Medicaid agencies to be paid by **December 31, 2021**. After this date, the program will be complete, and additional payments will not be issued.

To ensure providers participating in the program receive payment under this deadline, adjustments were made to the timelines for both Program Year (PY) 2020 and Program Year 2021 to prepare for the sunset of the program. The timeline below outlines the deadlines for the final two program years.

What is the timeline for PY20 and PY21?

Program Year 2020

- Attestation Open Date: **October 19, 2020**
- Attestation Close Date: **March 15, 2021**

Program Year 2021

- Attestation Open Date: **June 1, 2021 (tentative proposed date)**
- Attestation Close Date: **August 31, 2021 (tentative proposed date)**



What are the important tips to consider for PY20 and PY21?

Program Year 2020

- Refer to the [DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Pre-Eligibility Checklist](#) and [DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Attestation Checklist](#) to prepare any supporting documentation **prior** to attestation.
- Program Year will open **October 19, 2020** and will close promptly on **March 15, 2021**.
- For Program Year 2020, Eligible Professionals (EPs) must choose any continuous 90-day reporting period between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020 for their EHR and electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting periods.
- EPs must conduct their Security Risk Assessment during Calendar Year 2020.

Program Year 2021

- Program Year will open **June 1, 2021** and will close promptly on **August 31, 2021**.
- For Program Year 2021, EPs must choose any continuous 90-day reporting period between **January 1, 2021**, and **July 31, 2021** for their EHR and electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting periods. The 90-day periods do not need to be the same.
- If the SRA has not been completed by the date of attestation, the EP is required to complete it by close of business on December 31, 2021.