

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 21-17

**TO:** DC Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Melisa Byrd  
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**DATE:** May 20, 2021

**SUBJECT: Program Year 2021 of the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability/Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Will Open on June 1, 2021 and Close on August 31, 2021.**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this transmittal is to announce the opening of the final Program Year 2021 for the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program on **June 1, 2021**. The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will accept attestations from all eligible providers until the close of the program year on **August 31, 2021**. DHCF will not be offering an extension to Program Year 2021.

**Eligibility for Incentive**

To qualify for the Program Year 2021 Medicaid EHR incentive payment of \$8,500, a provider must:

- Be either a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or dentist;
- Maintain a Medicaid patient volume threshold of 30% (20% for pediatricians); and,
- Have already received a Medicaid EHR incentive payment from DC or another State.

For more information and background on the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program specific eligibility criteria, and the process for attestation, visit the DHCF website at <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/medicaid-electronic-health-record-incentive>. All attestations must be submitted to the state level repository (SLR) at <https://dcslr.thinkhts.com> by August 31, 2021, 11:59 pm eastern standard time.

**Technical Assistance**

DHCF is partnering with eHealthDC, a program of the DC Primary Care Association, to offer free technical assistance to all eligible providers **until the end of the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (also known as the EHR Incentive Program) on September 30, 2021**. eHealthDC offers support to providers who require assistance to meet the requirements of

the incentive program and navigate the new state-level repository (SLR) system to apply for the incentive payment.

eHealthDC is also available to help providers attest for Program Year 2021. If you would like assistance with program year 2021, please contact eHealthDC immediately to receive assistance **prior** to the August 31, 2021 attestation deadline.

If you would like more information on whether you qualify for incentive payments or free technical assistance, please contact eHealthDC at [contact@e-healthdc.org](mailto:contact@e-healthdc.org). You may also call 202-552-2331 or submit a request for assistance at [www.e-healthdc.org](http://www.e-healthdc.org).

DHCF is committed to ensuring your continued success in the Promoting Interoperability Program. For more information regarding DHCF program policies and procedures visit the DHCF website at <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/medicaid-electronic-health-record-incentive>.

Please contact DHCF Health IT Project Manager, Eduarda Koch with questions at [Eduarda.Koch@dc.gov](mailto:Eduarda.Koch@dc.gov), or call 202-673-3561, and/or submit an inquiry at [dc.slr@dc.gov](mailto:dc.slr@dc.gov).

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DC Health Care Association  
DC Home Care Association  
DC Behavioral Health Association  
DC Coalition of Disability Service Providers