

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

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TO: DC Medicaid Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd
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SUBJECT: Program Year 2020 of the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive Program will close on March 15, 2021

Purpose: The purpose of this transmittal is to announce the closing of Program Year 2020 for the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (also known as the EHR Incentive Program) on **March 15, 2021**. The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will accept attestations from all eligible providers until the close of the program year. DHCF will not be offering an extension to Program Year 2020.

Eligibility for Incentive: To qualify for Program Year 2020 Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive payments of \$8,500 (per program year), 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.

More information on specific eligibility criteria, the background on the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program, the process for application, attestation and resources can be found on 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 March 15, 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 this year and until the end of the DC Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (also known as the EHR Incentive Program) on September 30, 2021. The eHealthDC program supports providers who require technical assistance to meet the requirements of the incentive program and navigate the new state-level registry (SLR) system to apply for the incentive payment.

The eHealthDC program is also available to help providers attest to the required objective and measures required for payments for Program Year 2020. If you would like assistance with

program year 2020, please contact eHealthDC at contact@e-healthdc.org or call 202-552-2331 immediately to receive assistance **prior** to the March 15, 2021 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. You may also call 202-552-2331 or submit a request for assistance at www.e-healthdc.org.

DHCF is committed to ensuring your continued success in the Promoting Interoperability Program (also known as the EHR Incentive 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 Program Analyst Adaeze Okonkwo with questions at Adaeze.okonkwo@dc.gov, or call 202-478-9227, and/or submit an inquiry at dc.slr@dc.gov.

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