



## **Attestation Deadlines are Extended for the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program**

The New York State Medicaid Program has announced that the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has been extended and attestations are being accepted for 2015 and 2016 meaningful use (MU) and 2016 Adopt, Implement, Upgrade (AIU). In particular, the final deadlines have been extended and are listed below:

- 2016 AIU deadline: 5/31/17
- 2015 MU deadline: 6/30/17
- 2016 MU deadline: 9/15/17

The NY Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program provides financial incentives of up to \$63,750 to eligible professionals in New York who adopt, implement, or upgrade to certified EHR technology and subsequently become meaningful users of the EHR technology.

To participate in the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program as an Eligible Professional (EP), providers must meet certain eligibility criteria. Providers may refer to the incentive program's eligibility criteria at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/ehr/participation/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/ehr/participation/)

The following types of Medicaid-eligible providers may qualify an Eligible Professional:

- Physicians (M.D. and D.O.)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Dentists
- Physician Assistants who practice in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic that is led by a Physician Assistant

In addition to avoiding Medicaid or Medicare payment penalties, incentive payments are still available to Medicaid EPs who qualify for attestation for calendar years 2015 and 2016. To be considered for incentive payments, eligible providers must attest to meeting AIU or the meaningful use objectives and measures as defined under the EHR Incentive Program.

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If you are an eligible provider and have any questions or need assistance in submitting your attestations, please contact [Terence Russo](mailto:Trusso@garfunkelwild.com) at 516.393.2271 or [trusso@garfunkelwild.com](mailto:trusso@garfunkelwild.com), [Cathleen Benites](mailto:Cbenites@garfunkelwild.com) at 516.393.2532 or [cbenites@garfunkelwild.com](mailto:cbenites@garfunkelwild.com).

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