

# Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Update August 15, 2014

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**Florida Health Information Exchange  
Coordinating Committee**



# Payments

Payment information as of 7/31/14:

	Eligible Professionals	Eligible Hospitals
total # of payments	8528	424
unique providers	6179	171
# of payments for MU	2349	259
total payments	\$150,444,381	\$288,644,923



# Hospital Participation

	2011	2012	2013	2014
New	111	49	9	2
2nd PMT		95	56	1
3rd PMT			95	



# Eligible Professional Participation

	2011	2012	2013	2014
New	2685	2056	1438	114
2nd PMT		941	1074	66
3rd PMT			334	39
4th PMT				1
In Review			676	



# Participation Years and Payments

- Eligible Professionals (EPs) can receive up to six Medicaid payments, Eligible Hospitals up to three Medicaid payments
  - EPs can attest with Medicare or Medicaid and then switch programs once by 12/31/14.
  - Medicare EHR Incentive Program ends 2016.
  - Medicaid EHR Incentive Program ends 2021.
- The last year providers can begin is 2016.



# Medicare Payment Adjustment

- Providers who are eligible to participate in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program must demonstrate meaningful use to avoid Medicare payment adjustments.
- Medicare payment adjustments begin October 1, 2014 for hospitals and January 1, 2015 for Medicare eligible professionals.
- For hospitals, the payment adjustment is applicable to the percentage increase to the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) payment rate.
- For Eligible Professionals, the payment adjustment is applied to the Medicare physician fee schedule.



# Medicare Payment Adjustment<sub>(continued)</sub>

- EPs and hospitals avoid 2015 payment adjustment by
  - Successfully attesting to MU with Medicaid or Medicare for 2013 program year;
  - Attest to MU for first time for 2014 program year by 7/1/14 for hospitals and 10/1/14 for EP; or
  - Apply for and be granted an exception by CMS.



# Medicare Payment Adjustment<sub>(continued)</sub>

- EPs and hospitals avoid 2016 payment adjustment by
  - Successfully attesting to MU with Medicaid or Medicare for 2014 program year;
  - Attest to MU for first time for 2015 program year by 7/1/15 for hospitals and 10/1/15 for EP; or
  - Apply for and be granted an exception by CMS.





# Medicare Payment Adjustment<sub>(continued)</sub>

- Medicare providers and hospitals who complete all year of eligibility for payments will continue to attest with Medicare to avoid future Medicare payment adjustments.
- The payment adjustment is independently applied for each year.



# 2014 Proposed Rule

- Comment period ended July 21, 2014
- If promulgated as written, new rule would allow providers who were unable to fully implement 2014 certified EHR technology to attest to 2013 measures for the 2014 program year.
- Options depends on the certification number for the EHR.
- Full details unknown until final rule promulgated.

