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MaineCare's 2016 EHR Incentive Program

Important Notice:

2016 is the last year a provider can begin participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

It is also the last year that AIU will be an option for the first year of participation.

Registrations must be completed with CMS prior to December 31, 2016

Application is then completed with Maine

- CMS has a pending rule proposal to change the 2016 MU reporting period to a 90-day reporting period for all providers.
- Click [this link](#) to sign up for the CMS List Serve for program updates and announcement of the final rule change for 2016.
- All providers are required to attest to a single set of objectives and measures (Modified Stage 2).
- For providers that would have been submitting Stage 1 in 2016 there are alternate exclusions available for objective 3, measures 1 and 2.
- There are alternate exclusions for all providers for objective 10, measures 2 and 3.
- Please do not use a prior year's Medicaid Eligibility worksheet as we have made updates for the 2016 program year. Click for a copy of the [2015 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#); there are links for a guide to completing the worksheet and for the calculation of the Medicaid eligibility percentage within the worksheet.
- The deadline date to have all submitted data approved for a 2016 program year payment is April 30, 2017. We encourage providers to submit as early as possible.
- We can accept AIU applications now.
- We will accept MU applications after January 1, 2017.

What has not changed for 2016?

- The Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) requirements have not changed for 2016. Providers will choose 9 of the 64 CQMs and report that data.
- All MU data for program year 2016 must have reporting dates within the calendar year 2016.
- In 2016, all providers must attest to objectives and measures using EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition.

Steps to apply with Maine for Program Year 2016

Application for AIU (adopt, implement or upgrade certified EHR technology)

- AIU is available for first year participants only.
- First year participants can elect to submit MU rather than apply for AIU.
- 2016 is the last year AIU is available.

1. Register on the CMS registration site: ([link to registration site](#))
You will receive an automated email from the Maine program with application instructions and an attached [2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#) after the registration is completed.
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov
3. The MaineCare MU program will verify the data submitted and enters the provider's eligibility into our system.
4. We will then send out the attestation statement.
5. Returns the signed attestation.
6. Provider is submitted for payment

Application for Submission of MU (Meaningful Use)

In the past we had providers submit the Medicaid Eligibility worksheet at the time the providers MU data was ready to be submitted. For 2016 we are requesting providers send in the Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet as soon as possible to allow us to enter providers into our system and mark them eligible. We will then be able to send out the MU wizard after 1/01/17 to those providers that have been marked eligible. Submitting the worksheet early is not mandatory but we are hoping it will help to decrease the time it takes to process the large numbers of applications we anticipate will arrive after the first of the year.

1. Complete the [2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#)
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov
3. The MaineCare MU program verifies the data submitted on the worksheet and enters the provider's eligibility into our system.
4. Once the provider is marked eligible in our system we send out the MU wizard email with a link to download the wizard application. If you have a previous version of the wizard on your computer you don't need to download again. Launch the wizard and accept the updates.
5. There is a guide attached to the wizard email that will assist you with the 2016 version of the wizard.
6. There is a one day delay from the time a provider is marked eligible in our system before the wizard will recognize a provider's NPI and allow MU data to be entered for that provider.
7. Complete the MU wizard with the provider's MU data. The data is submitted to Maine by clicking the send button at the end.
8. The MaineCare MU program reviews the submitted MU data and accepts or rejects the submission. If the data is rejected the provider will be contacted to resubmit data that meet the 2016 requirements.
9. After the submission has been approved the MaineCare MU program will send out the attestation statement by email.
10. Provider returns the signed attestation
11. Provider is submitted for payment

Links and Email contacts:

- Visit our website for more information: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/>
- MaineCare EHR Incentive Program: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov
- Resource contact: Kim Davis-Allen: Kim@thinkHTS.com

Thank you for your participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

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