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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 Adopt, Implement, Upgrade (AIU) will be an option for the first year of participation.
- Registrations must be completed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to **December 31, 2016**.
- Once the CMS registration is complete, the application will need to be completed with MaineCare.

2016 Program Year Specific Information

- CMS has a pending rule proposal to change the 2016 Meaningful Use (MU) reporting period to a 90-day period for all providers.
- Go to the [CMS List Serve Subscription](#) page to sign up for their 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 submitted 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 - Public Health Registries - measures 2 and 3.
- Please do not use a prior years Medicaid eligibility worksheet as we have made updates for the 2016 program year. Click [here](#) for a copy of the 2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet. There are links within the worksheet for guides to completing the worksheet and how to calculate the Medicaid eligibility percentage.
- The 2016 program year deadline is **May 31, 2017**. We encourage providers to submit as early as possible. The 2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet can be submitted anytime for both the AIU and MU applications. For providers applying for MU, we can accept the Medicaid eligibility worksheet now to mark providers eligible in our system. We will send out the 2016 MU wizard after January 1, 2017 for the input of 2016 MU data.
- 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 CEHRT certified to the 2014 Edition.

Application for AIU (Certified EHR technology)

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

Apply for AIU by following these steps:

1. Register on the [CMS registration site](#). You will receive an automated email from the Maine program with application instructions and an attached [2016 Eligibility Worksheet](#) after the registration is completed.
2. Submit the completed worksheet to EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov. Once the worksheet is received, MaineCare will enter the provider's eligibility into our system and send the attestation statement.
3. Return the signed attestation. Once signed, the provider will be submitted to receive payment.

Application for Submission of MU (Meaningful Use Data)

In the past we had providers submit the Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet at the time the provider's 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. We will send the MU wizard after January 1, 2017 to those providers that have been marked eligible for the input of MU data. Submitting the worksheet early is not mandatory but we feel 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.

Follow these steps to submit MU data:

1. Complete the [2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#).
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov. MaineCare will enter the provider's eligibility into our system and send 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 do not need to download again.
3. Launch the wizard and accept the update. There is a guide attached to the wizard email that will assist you with the 2016 version of the wizard. 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.
4. Complete the MU wizard screens with the provider's MU data.
5. Submit the data directly to MaineCare by clicking the send button at the end of the wizard.
6. Enter and submit the next provider's data, if you are submitting for multiple providers. 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. After the submission has been approved the MaineCare MU program will send out the attestation statement by email.
7. Return the signed attestation. Once signed, the provider will be submitted to receive payment.

Resources

- Visit the HIT website for more information: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/>
- Email the MaineCare EHR Incentive Program: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov
- Contact Kim Davis-Allen for more information if needed: Kim@thinkHTS.com

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

Sincerely,

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