

MaineCare's 2017 EHR Incentive Program

2017 Program Year Information:

- 2017 Reporting Period
 - Minimum 90-day reporting period for Meaningful Use data (MU) within calendar year 2017.
 - All MU reporting dates for program year 2017 must be within calendar year 2017.
- 2017 Program Year MU data submission options:
 - Modified Stage 2 - 2017 version.
 - Stage 3 – 2017 version (optional for PY 2017 and 2018, mandatory for 2019)
- 2017 Program Year Deadline is March 31, 2018.
- Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT):
 - 2014 Edition – meets requirements for Modified Stage 3
 - 2015 Edition – meets requirements for Stage 3
- The Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) requirements have changed for 2017.
 - Providers will submit a minimum of 6 CQMs. This is a decrease from the previously required minimum of 9. This aligns with the MIPS reporting requirements.
 - You may submit any number of CQMs that you would like beyond the required 6.
 - CQM data is not restricted to only the 90 day MU reporting period for the MU objectives. You can use any period of 90 days or beyond from the 2017 calendar year.

2017 MU Application Process:

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 program year 2017, we are requesting providers send in the Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet as early as possible to allow us to get the application process started. We will send out the MU wizard after January 1, 2018 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 apply for program year 2017:

1. Complete the [2017 Incentive Program Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#). There are links within the worksheet for guides to completing the worksheet and how to calculate the Medicaid eligibility percentage.
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov. - We are accepting worksheets now.
3. We will enter the provider's eligibility into our system and send out the MU wizard email (after January 1, 2018) 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 the application again.
4. Launch the wizard icon on your desktop and accept any update. There is a guide attached to the wizard email that will assist you with the 2017 version of the wizard.
5. There is a one day delay from the time a provider receives the wizard email before the wizard will recognize a provider's NPI and allow MU data to be entered for that provider.
6. Complete the MU wizard screens with the provider's MU data.

7. Submit the data directly to Maine by clicking the send button at the end of the wizard.
8. Enter and submit the next provider's data, if you are submitting for multiple providers.
9. The MaineCare MU program will review the submitted data. If the data cannot be accepted, we will contact you to resubmit.
10. After the submission has been approved, we will send out the attestation statement by email.
11. Electronically sign and return the attestation statement by email.
12. After we receive the signed attestation the provider will be submitted for payment.

Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP)

FAQ:

Question: I have to submit data to MIPS, can I still participate with the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program?

Answer: Yes, you can. If you have previously participated in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and are now required to submit data to any QPP you may continue to participate with the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program until you have received the maximum six payments or until the final program year of 2021.

Submission of meaningful use data to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program does **not** fulfill any QPP reporting requirements. You must submit separately to any QPP and to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

The Quality Payment Program is part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and includes two tracks - Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

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
- Go to the [CMS List Serve Subscription](#) page to sign up for their list serve for program updates directly from CMS.

Thank you for your continued participation with the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

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