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Medicaid Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program

(Formerly known as The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program)

2021 Maine Program Year Application Process

2021 Program Year Information

- 2021 is the final year of the Medicaid MU/PI program
- We are open now for applications for the 2021 program year
- Note the timeline dates below.
- We have no ability to make any changes as these dates are determined by CMS.

2021 Program Year Timeline

- March 1, 2021 – October 1, 2021: Worksheet submission period
- April 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021: Meaningful Use (MU) submission period
- Final payment will be December 29, 2021
- December 31, 2021: Medicaid PI/MU Program Ends

2021 MU/PI Application Process

- Complete the 2021 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet – click [here](#) to download a copy
- There are links within the worksheet to guides that will help you complete the worksheet, and calculate the Medicaid eligibility percentage, as well as guides for more information on measures and requirements.
- A copy of the 2021 Security Risk Analysis Report is required to be submitted with the Medicaid eligibility worksheet if it has been completed prior to October 30, 2021. Because the 2021 program year can accept applications only through October 31, 2021, we can accept your application if you will be completing the SRA later in the 2021 calendar year. We will require the SRA to be sent into us when it is completed.
- Submit the completed worksheet to: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov

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- We are accepting worksheet submissions from March 1, 2021 through October 1, 2021.
- We will send out the 2021 wizard email, after the worksheet has been accepted and the provider has been deemed eligible within our system.
- The wizard email will include a link to download the 2021 wizard application and the 2021 guide for using the MU/PI wizard application.
- Please note that all links to documents in this email are also in the attached worksheet and on our [website](#).

2021 Stage 3 Program Requirements (no changes from the 2020 Stage 3 requirements)

- Eight MU objectives and a minimum of 6 CQMs
- If you have more CQM data available, please submit the additional data.
- EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition
- [2020 and 2021 Objective Table of Contents](#) - click to open the table of contents, then click each objective for the specification sheet
- [2021 CQM Measures Table](#) - Full listing of available CQMs

2021 MU/PI Data Reporting Period

- Objective and CQM reporting period for program year 2021 is any continuous **90-day** period from January 1, 2021 ending by October 30, 2021. Because we must close out the program by December 31, 2021, we will not be able to accept MU data beyond the October 31, 2021 date.

Public Health Registries

See the section on our [website](#) titled: **Objective 8 - Public Health Reporting**

- If you completed the Public Health Registry registration process in a previous program year you do **not** need to register again; you still meet the measures.
- The practice site is considered registered for the Public Health registries if:
 - The providers are listed within the practice site registration and use the date of the original practice registration as a proxy.
 - New providers to the practice can be added at any time to the practice registration. They will use the date of the original practice registration as a proxy.
- After you complete the registration, you will receive an email acknowledgement. Retain that for your documentation. If you need a copy of your registration, please contact us.

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- If your practice will **not** complete the onboarding process for any of the registries due to the nature of the practice of the providers, do **not** sign up for those registries. You will choose the exclusion for those measures as they do not apply to your type of practice.
- The registration process is the first step to establish ongoing submissions for the public health registries.
- The State of Maine - CDC will contact the practice site to begin the onboarding process.
- The completion of the registration process meets the definition of active engagement even if the practice site has not yet established ongoing submission.
- If you need assistance verifying providers that are registered, please contact us.

Resources for Public Health Reporting

- [Stage 3 Public Health Reporting Tip Sheet](#)
- [Stage 3 Objective 8 Public Health Reporting Specification Sheet](#)
- [Public Health Wizard Guide](#)
- [2021 Public Health Registration Wizard Application](#) - click to download application to your desktop
- [Term Definitions – Public Health Reporting](#)
- [Public Health Registries Available in Maine](#)

2021 Program Year Resources for Stage 3

- [Stage 3-Patient Electronic Access Tip Sheet](#)
- [Stage 3-Health Information Exchange Fact Sheet](#)
- [Resources for the Security Risk Analysis](#)
- [Medicaid Patient Volume Calculation Options](#)
- [Patient Volume Verification Template](#)
- [Link to the Certified Health IT Product List \(CHPL\) site](#)
 - [2021 Certified Health IT Product List \(CHPL\) Site Guide](#)
- [2021 Clarification of the Secure Electronic Messaging Objective](#)
- [The 2021 Numerator Action That Can Occur Outside of Reporting Period](#)
 - Identifies objectives in Stage 3 that can occur before, during, or after the MU reporting period of 90 days.

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Important Wizard Application Update:

- If you did not participate in the 2019 or 2020 program year and did not remove any previous version of the MU/PI wizard application from your computer, you will need to do that and re-install the 2021 wizard application to submit MU/PI data for the program year. This will be a one-time action and then the wizard will update automatically when you launch the application, as it has in the past.
- For those that did participate in the 2019 or 2020 program year you do not need to uninstall/re-install the wizard for 2021. The wizard will update automatically when you launch the application.
- The wizard will accept a providers NPI after we have marked the provider eligible in our system.
- Please note that after you submit the MU/PI data for a provider, the providers NPI will remain active in the wizard until payment is disbursed; they will then drop out of the wizard.
- Reminder - there is a one-day delay from the time a provider receives the wizard email before the wizard will recognize a providers NPI and allow MU/PI data to be entered for that provider.
- Complete the MU/PI wizard screens with the providers MU/PI data and submit the data by clicking the send button at the end of the wizard.
- Enter and submit the next providers data, if you are submitting MU/PI for multiple providers.
- The Maine MU/PI program will review the submitted data. If the data cannot be accepted, we will contact you to resubmit.
- After the MU/PI submission has been approved, we will send the attestation statement by email. Electronically sign and return the attestation statement by email.
- After we receive the signed attestation, the provider will be submitted for payment.

Websites:

- [Maine Medicaid PI Program Website](#)
- [CMS Website with 2021 Program Requirements](#)

Contact us for more information:

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