



# MAINE EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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- The **Medicaid** EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to five remaining participation years.
- Eligible professionals can receive up to **\$63,750** over the six years that they choose to participate in the program
- The EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments for eligible healthcare providers to use EHR technology in ways that can positively impact patient care.

# MAINE HAS PAID TO DATE

- All 36 Maine hospitals have received their AIU payments and 14 of those have received Meaningful Use payments for a total of \$ 24,481,564.00. The hospitals complete their Meaningful Use through Medicare and the State accepts that submission for the Medicaid Incentive Program.
- For providers - 2,018 have received a payment for AIU and of those - 684 have completed the first year of Meaningful Use. That is a 34% rate for MU. This is a very good rate but we would like to increase that drastically.

# WHY WE NEED HELP EDUCATING PROVIDERS

## THESE ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING PROVIDERS



# AREAS OF EDUCATION

- The largest population of providers that need assistance are the small practices that do not have IT resources that large organization have.
  - We need people that can go to the practice location and review the HER system with the persons responsible for the applications.
  - Many EHR products have reports for MU that are difficult to read. They often are not numbered and when we are referring to the measures by it's number it can be very difficult for them to follow our instruction.
  - Some providers have not researched the program and are not aware of whet they must do to meet MU.
  - There are some very large institutions that did not set up the MU program well and are now struggling to organize and structure the submissions of MU. They have reached out to us asking for assistance also.
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# RESOURCES

- MaineCare's Health Information Technology (HIT) Program website:

[http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/ehr\\_incent.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/ehr_incent.htm)

- CMS HIT Program website:

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

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