

AHCCCS EHR Incentive Program – IMPORTANT DEADLINE

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments to certain Medicaid health care providers who adopt and use Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology in ways that can positively affect patient care.

Eligible Professionals (EPs) may receive Medicaid EHR incentive payments for up to six years (which can total up to \$63,750!). The final year for Medicaid EHR incentive payments is 2021. However, eligible professionals **must attest with AHCCCS by December 31, 2016!**

There are many benefits to providers utilizing EHR technology. For example, having a certified EHR allows providers to transition from paper records and faxing of clinical information to secure electronic data recording and sharing. This more real time clinical patient information supports providers who want to improve care coordination and patient health outcomes. As a result, Care1st Health Plan Arizona is encouraging all eligible providers to participate in the EHR Incentive Program!

AHCCCS has awarded a contract to Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHeC), a statewide non-profit driving the adoption and optimization of health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE), to provide limited, no-cost **education and assistance** to Medicaid providers who are interested and may qualify for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

To take advantage of this limited, no-cost education opportunity and to learn more about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please contact AzHeC at (602) 688-7200 or via email at EHR@azhec.org.

For additional information, please visit the AHCCCS EHR Incentive Program webpage at <https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/CurrentProviders/EHR/> for quick reference guides to get you [started](#).

