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EHR Incentive Program Newsletter

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Now Accepting Program Year 2019 Attestations

Maryland Medicaid is now accepting attestations for Program Year 2019. The deadline to attest for Program Year 2019 for both Eligible Providers and Hospitals is March 17, 2020.

eMedicaid Password Requirement

Be advised that the MDH eMedicaid website has updated password requirements which will need to be completed prior to signing into eMIPP.

MU Stage 3 Objectives for Program Year 2019

Objectives and Measures
- All providers are required to attest to a single set of objectives and measures.
    - EPs must attest to a set of **8** objectives.
    - Dual-Eligible Hospitals must attest to a set of **4** objectives.
- View the Stage 3 Specification Sheets for EPs and Dual-Eligible Hospitals.

Meaningful Use (MU) Reporting Period
The 2019 EHR reporting period is any continuous 90-day reporting period.

Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and eCQMs

For Program Year 2019, the Maryland EHR Incentive Program will be changing its reporting options related to electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs).

For the reporting period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, in order to report eCQMs, EHR Incentive Program Participants will need to integrate with CRISP and utilize the CQM Aligned Population Reporting (CAliPR) tool. Providers can no longer use the State Level Repository (SLR), eMIPP, to report their eCQMs.

There will be two ways to report eCQMs for the EHR Incentive Program through CAliPR: (1) by uploading a QRDA III file to CAliPR generated by the provider's EHR, or (2) by manually entering the numerators and denominators in CAliPR. Providers may choose either options described above to report eCQMs

through CALiPR to the Maryland EHR Incentive Program.

Maryland Medicaid will provide additional details on how to sign up for eCQM reporting with CALiPR. If there are any questions in the meantime, please email calipr-helpdesk@crisphealth.org.

eCQM Reporting Requirements

eCQM Reporting Requirements for EPs under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for 2020
- The final rule aligns the eCQMs available for Medicaid EPs in 2020 with those available for MIPS eligible clinicians for the CY 2020 performance period. Specifically, the eCQMs available for Medicaid EPs in 2020 will consist of the list of quality measures available under the eCQM collection type on the final list of quality measures established under MIPS for the CY 2020 performance period.
- For 2020, we are retaining the requirement from 2019 that Medicaid EPs will report on any 6 eCQMs that are relevant to their scope of practice.
- In addition, for 2020 the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program will continue the policy from 2019 that EPs report on at least one outcome measure (or, if an outcome measure is not available or relevant, one other high priority measure) which aligns with the MIPS eCQM collection type requirement for the 2020 performance period of the quality performance category.
- The eCQM reporting period for EPs in the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program will be a minimum of any continuous 90-day period within CY 2020 for EPs who have demonstrated Meaningful Use in a prior year. This differs from the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), which proposed a minimum of any continuous 274-day period within CY 2020.
- The eCQM reporting period for Medicaid EPs demonstrating Meaningful Use for the first time will remain any continuous 90-day period.

Looking Ahead…EHR Incentive Program Sunsets in 2021!

The Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive program will sunset on December 31, 2021. Program Year 2021 will be the last year EPs and EHs will be able to attest for the EHR Incentive Program. EPs who began and received payment prior to PY 2016 can participate in remaining program years, up until PY 2021. If you have questions about eligibility, please email the EHR Incentive Program Team at mdh.marylandehr@maryland.gov.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Meaningful Use Support team at CRISP at support@crisphealth.org or call 877-952-7477.

To view more information about the requirements for Program Year 2019, please visit the CMS Meaningful Use website.