

BECOMING A MEANINGFUL USER OF EHR'S

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) offer multiple resources on their websites to help health care providers become meaningful users of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. Below is a list of the resources available on meaningful use, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, and the EHR certification process.

Meaningful Use and Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

- Meaningful Use Overview: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/01_Overview.asp
- Path to Payment: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/10_PathtoPayment.asp
- PowerPoint Presentation on Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Final Rule: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EHR_Incentive_Program_Agency_Training_v8-20.pdf
- Timeline for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs: <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EHRIncentProgTimeline508.pdf>
- Being a Meaningful User of Electronic Health Records: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/meaningfuluse/provider>
- Meaningful Use Specification Sheets: <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EP-MU-TOC-Core-and-MenuSet-Objectives.pdf>
- Flow Chart to Determine Eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/downloads/eligibility_flow_chart.pdf
- Webinar for Eligible Professionals on the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/55_EducationalMaterials.asp

Certification Programs

- Certification Programs Overview: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/certification>
- Standards and Certification Criteria Final Rule Fact Sheet: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/standardsandcertification/factsheet>
- HITECH Temporary Certification Program for EHR Technology Fact Sheet: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/tempcert/factsheet>
- Temporary Certification Program Final Rule Frequently Asked Questions: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/tempcert/faqs>
- Permanent Certification Program: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/permcert/factsheet>
- Certified Health IT Product List: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/chpl>

Privacy and Security

- Building Trust in Health Information Exchange: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/buildingtrust>
- Health Information Privacy and Information on HIPAA: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy>

Additional Resources:

ONC has also funded 62 Regional Extension Centers, located across the country, to offer customized, on-the-ground assistance for providers who need help adopting and meaningfully using certified EHR technology. For more information, visit <http://healthit.hhs.gov/rec>.

