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We hope you and yours have had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year! We just wanted to give you a very brief update as we head in to 2018.

Through December 29, 2017, since the inception of the EHR Incentive Program in 2011, we have made the following EHR Incentive Payments:

- Eligible Professionals: 9,692 payments for a total of \$148,779,010
 - Eligible Hospitals: 291 payments for a total of \$130,685,807
 - For a Total of 9,983 payments equaling \$279,464,817
- (the number of payments include multiple payments to the same providers who continue to attest)

**The PIPP Portal has been updated
and is ready to go!**

The Division of TennCare is pleased to announce that we have included the necessary updates to the PIPP Portal to allow providers to submit their Program Year 2017 EHR attestations. Beginning January 1, 2018, providers may submit their Meaningful Use attestations for review. Providers can attest to Modified Stage 2 or for Stage 3 if their certified EHR technology (CEHRT) supports Stage 3 requirements (this can be done with a 2014/2015 Hybrid Edition or the 2015 Edition CHERT).

Questions about Meaningful Use may be sent to EHRMeaningfuluse.TennCare@tn.gov

Other questions about the TennCare EHR Provider Incentive Program may be sent to TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov

**The deadline for submission of Program Year 2017 attestations is
11:59 P.M. Central Time on March 31, 2018.**



1099s to be mailed for Incentive Payments made in 2017

The State of Tennessee will issue individual 1099s to Eligible Professionals (EPs) receiving EHR Incentive Payments during 2017. The mailing will occur on or shortly after January 31, 2018. EPs do have the option to assign their EHR Incentive Payment to their Group Practice or Clinic, however, IRS guidelines requires the issuance of Form 1099 to the EP. The 1099 is an informational return that is also provided to the IRS. To determine if payments are taxable, you must consult your tax professional. The EP is responsible for selecting the appropriate option in the CMS Registration and Attestation System, whether the EP is to receive the EHR Incentive Payment or it is to be made to a designated Payee NPI (one with which the EP has a contractual relationship). The payment can be designated to a different entity for each year of program participation, but cannot be divided during a single year of program participation. CMS, the Division of TennCare, and the EHR Provider Incentive Payment Program are not responsible for decision-making or mediation regarding the assignment of EHR Incentive Payments.

In most cases the EHR Incentive Payment itself is distributed to the group practice. When this occurs, it is the responsibility of the EP to report the payment on Form 1099-MISC to the employer or entity which bills for the EP's services. Contact your employer to obtain the tax ID number to be entered on the Form 1099-MISC.

Again, EPs are strongly encouraged to contact their tax professional on the proper handling of this matter. EPs who lose their 1099 or otherwise need a replacement should contact F&A Accounts, Supplier Maintenance at F_A.Accounts@tn.gov. (There is an underscore [_] between the F and the A.) In your message, please provide the tax year for which the 1099 is needed, Tax ID number, name, and either an email address, fax number, or current mailing address where the replacement 1099 can be sent. F&A Accounts, Supplier Maintenance is NOT able to assist with EHR Program-related questions. Any questions about the EHR Provider Incentive Payment Program should be sent to TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov.



Contact Information

As always, anytime you have a question or need assistance, please feel free to contact us. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

 **Please be sure to include the provider's name and NPI when contacting us.** 

- ◆ For questions relating to **Meaningful Use (MU)**, send an email to EHRMeaningfuluse.TennCare@tn.gov
- ◆ For **all other questions**, send an email to TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov
- ◆ The **CMS Help Desk** can be reached at **1-888-734-6433**.
- ◆ **TennCare Medicaid EHR Incentive Program web site:**
<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/section/electronic-health-record>

◆ **PowerPoint Presentations** on different subject areas are available here:

<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/topic/powerpoint-presentations>

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