



## MaineCare 2016 EHR Incentive Program

### **Important Notice:**

*2016 is the last year a provider can begin participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. It is also the last year that AIU will be an option for the first year of participation. Registrations must be completed with CMS prior to December 31, 2016 Application is then completed with Maine*

### **Updated information for 2016**

- CMS has a pending rule proposal to change the 2016 MU reporting period to a 90-day period for all providers.
- Click [this link](#) to sign up for the CMS List Serve for program updates and announcement of the final rule change for 2016.
- All providers are required to attest to a single set of objectives and measures (Modified Stage 2).
- For providers that would have been submitting Stage 1 in 2016 there are alternate exclusions available for objective 3, measures 1 and 2.
- There are alternate exclusions for all providers for objective 10, measures 2 and 3.
- Please do not use a prior year's Medicaid Eligibility worksheet as we have made updates for the 2016 program year. Click [here](#) for the 2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet.
- There is a guide to assist you with completion of the Medicaid Eligibility worksheet; a link to the guide is on the first page of the worksheet.
- A guide for developing the patient volume calculation can be found on the calculation page of the worksheet.
- The deadline date to have all data submitted for a 2016 program year payment is April 30, 2017. We encourage providers to submit as early as possible.
- We can complete AIU applications now.
- We will accept MU submissions after January 1, 2017 but the eligibility worksheet can be submitted and approved now.

### **What has not changed for 2016?**

- The Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) requirements have not changed for 2016.
- Providers will select 9 of the available 64 CQMs
- All MU data for program year 2016 must have reporting dates within the calendar year 2016.
- In 2016, all providers must attest using CEHRT certified to the 2014 Edition.

## 2016 Program Year Application Process

- **Application for AIU (adopt, implement or upgrade certified EHR technology)**
  - AIU is available for first year participants only.
  - First year participants can elect to submit MU rather than apply for AIU.

1. Register on the CMS registration site: ([link to registration site](#))  
You will receive an automated email from the Maine program with application instructions and an attached [2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#) after the registration is completed.
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: [EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov)
3. The MaineCare MU program will review submitted worksheet and enters the provider's eligibility into our system.
4. We then send out the attestation statement via email.
5. The signed attestation is returned via email.
6. Provider is submitted for payment

### **Application for Submission of MU (Meaningful Use)**

In the past we had providers submit the Medicaid Eligibility worksheet at the time the providers MU data was ready to be submitted. For 2016 we are requesting providers send in the Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet as soon as possible to allow us to enter providers into our system and mark them eligible. We will then be able to send out the MU wizard after 1/01/17 to those providers that have been marked eligible. Submitting the worksheet early is not mandatory but we are hoping it will help to decrease the time it takes to process the large numbers of applications we anticipate will arrive after the first of the year.

1. Complete the [2016 Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet](#)
2. Submit the completed worksheet to: [EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov)
3. The MaineCare MU program will review submitted worksheet and enters the provider's eligibility into our system.
4. Once the provider is marked eligible in our system we send out the MU wizard email with a link to download the wizard application. If you have a previous version of the wizard on your computer you don't need to download again. Launch the wizard and accept the updates.
5. There is a guide attached to the wizard email that will assist you with the 2016 version of the wizard.
6. There is a one day delay from the time a provider is marked eligible in our system before the wizard will recognize a provider's NPI and allow MU data to be entered for that provider.
7. Enter the MU data for each provider into the wizard; the data is submitted directly to us from within the wizard application when you click send.
8. The MaineCare MU program reviews the submitted MU data and accepts or rejects the submission. If the data is rejected the provider will be contacted to resubmit data that meet the 2016 requirements.
9. After the submission has been approved we will send the attestation statement by email.
10. The signed attestation is returned via email.
11. Provider is submitted for payment

### **Web Links and Email contacts:**

- Visit our website for more information: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/>
- CMS Incentive Program website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html?redirect=/EHRIncentivePrograms/>
- MaineCare EHR Incentive Program: [EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov)
- Resource contact: Kim Davis-Allen: [Kim@thinkHTS.com](mailto:Kim@thinkHTS.com)

Thank you for your participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

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