



MaineCare Services
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Electronic Health Information Technology

Incentive Payment Program

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MaineCare Program- “Eligible Professionals”

Types of Professionals that may apply	Type of practice	Encounters Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Physicians •Dentists •Certified Nurse Midwives •Nurse Practitioners 	Not Hospital Based: At least 10% of services not performed in hospital in-patient or emergency department	30% of all encounters are Medicaid
Pediatricians	Not Hospital Based: At least 10% of services not performed in hospital in-patient or emergency department	20% Medicaid encounters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FQHC/RHC* •Physicians •Dentists •Certified Nurse Midwives •Nurse Practitioners •Physician Assistants at an FQHC or RHC led by a physician assistant 	“Practice Predominantly:” At least 50% of services performed in an FQHC/RHC	30% “Needy Individuals”

*FQHC = Federally Qualified Health Center RHC = Rural Health Center

Technology Requirements: Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade and Meaningful Use

- ❑ **Year 1:**
 - ❑ Must Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade (AIU) certified electronic health records (EHR). What that means:
 - May apply for the incentive payment for a new system or a system already in use at the practice; and
 - EHR must be on the list of certified EHRs of the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) – healthit.hhs.gov; and
 - Will need a Receipt; Invoice; Contract; License Agreement; Purchase Order; or User Agreement.
- ❑ **Years 2-6:** Use the technology to integrate and improve quality of health care, and submit clinical and other quality measures, using a phased-in approach (“Meaningful Use”).

Payment Schedule for Eligible Professionals

- ❑ Professionals may apply with MaineCare when program is launched, scheduled for early October, 2011 (or may apply anytime through 2016).
- ❑ Payments to Eligible Professionals are issued over a six year period.

Year	Payment Amount
1	\$21,250
2	\$8,500
3	\$8,500
4	\$8,500
5	\$8,500
6	\$8,500
TOTAL	\$63,750

Application Process

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<p>Eligible Professionals</p>	<p>Registration done through the CMS NLR website when Maine launches the program (scheduled October 3, 2011).</p>	<p>Provider information sent from CMS to MaineCare who will contact professional who shows (attests) that they meet program requirements.</p>	<p>MaineCare will issue payments no later than 60 days after application approved by MaineCare; expectation is to issue payments by December 31, 2011.</p>
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HOSPITALS

MaineCare Incentive Payments–“Eligible Hospitals”

Hospital Type	% of Medicaid Encounters
Critical Access, Acute Care, or Cancer Hos.	10% (includes Medicaid or Dual-Eligible)
Children’s Hospitals	No threshold required

- Hospital Incentive Payments are Hospital-Specific
- Based on Number of Discharges, Inpatient Days, Revenues, Charity Care, and other factors
- Paid over 3 years: 50% first year; 40% second year; 10% third year
- Eligible Hospital Minimum Payment would be \$800,000 (assumes less than 1150 discharges and only 10% Medicaid/Dual Eligibles)

Program Status after only 1 ½ weeks (as of October 19th)

- **Incentive Payment Program “go-live” October 3, 2011 (as scheduled)**

Type of Provider	No. of App. Received	Total First year payments	Total Potential Program Payments
Hospitals	10	\$4,300,000	\$ 8,600,000
Professionals	119	\$2,500,000	\$ 7,800,000
Total Payments		\$6,800,000	\$16,400,000

- **Expect to Begin Issuing Payments End of October (ahead of schedule)**

Program Potential

Based on studies and experience, current estimates:

Type of Provider	Potential Number of Providers Eligible	Total Potential Program Payments
Hospitals	All hospitals (except Mental Health hospitals)	+/- \$35,000,000
Professionals	+/- 1,200 – 1,500	\$7,000,000 - \$9,600,000
Total Potential Program		\$42,000,000-\$44,600,000

Information on the Medicaid E H R program

- **For more information and step-by-step instructions for applying for the Medicaid E H R Incentive Payment, use this link:**

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/index.html>

- **Email address to contact MaineCare Services HIT:**

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