

Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program: Nov. 30 Deadline for 2011 Participation

For eligible professionals (EPs) participating in the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a deadline is fast approaching. In order to receive a payment for 2011 participation, EPs will need to do ALL of the following:

1. Register with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) by December 31, 2011 (<https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>).
2. Successfully complete your Year 1 attestation in the Texas Medicaid EHR incentive program portal by February 29, 2012 (see steps outlined in http://www.tmhp.com/TMHP_File_Library/HealthIT/Prerequisites%20for%20Eligible%20Professionals.pdf).
3. Be in the "Payment Pending" status by February 29, 2012.

Eligible professionals not meeting the deadlines stated above may still continue their enrollment in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program; however, their Year 1 participation will be advanced to 2012 according to program rules.

Any EP in "Payment Pending" status by February 29, 2012, would be allowed to finish through to payment. Here are three examples for a shut down date of March 1, 2012:

1. EP 1: "Payment Pending" status by February 29, 2012 – Status remains "Payment Pending" for Attestation Year 2011, and will be carried through to payment.
2. EP 2: "In Progress" or "Not Started" status on February 29, 2012 – Attestation Year 2011 status is closed. The professional may begin attestation for participation year 2012.
3. EP 3: Registered with CMS in January or February 2012 – Since CMS registration was not complete by December 31, 2011, Attestation Year 2011 status is closed. The professional may begin attestation for participation year 2012.

For further questions, please contact HealthIT@tmhp.com or call the Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 option 4.

Also please review program information at <http://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms/> and http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/HealthIT/HIT_EHR.aspx.