



## New information from CMS that may affect Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

The following bulletin was issued by CMS today with information that may be of interest to CAHs and the attestation process. If you have any questions about this information, please contact the CMS Help Desk at the number listed below.

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### CMS Has Added an Important New FAQ for CAHs on Costs for Certified EHR Technology

We want to help keep you updated with information on the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. CMS has recently revised an FAQ with new guidance that discusses whether critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program can include costs for capital leases of certified EHR technology. Take a minute and review the new FAQ below.

**Question: Can a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) include costs to lease/rent certified EHR technology in the Medicare EHR incentive payment?**

**Answer:** Under the statute and the regulations, the CAHs EHR incentive payment shall only include reasonable costs for the purchase of certified EHR technology to which purchase depreciation (excluding interest) would apply. There are two types of lease agreements that a CAH may enter into to administer their EHR system... an operating lease or a capital lease.

*For the rest of this FAQ, visit the [CMS FAQ system](#) and search for it by FAQ number. Type in 3387 in the "FAQ # Search" box found at the top, left side of the FAQ page. Choose the "FAQ #" option by clicking the circle and highlighting it in blue.*

**Want more information about the EHR Incentive Programs?**

Make sure to visit the [EHR Incentive Programs website](#) for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

## 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](mailto:EHRMeaningfuluse.TennCare@tn.gov)

For all other questions, send an email to [TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov](mailto:TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov)

To contact CMS, the CMS Help Desk can be reached at 1-888-734-6433.