



IT' HERE – AT LAST!!

The TennCare Provider Incentive Payment Program (PIPP) portal is finally here – open and ready for business. Providers who have not already received their first year EHR incentive payment have been sent an email explaining how to establish a User Account on PIPP. To establish a User Account, providers need

- ✓ The registration number they were given when registering at the CMS Registration & Attestation web site
- ✓ Their individual NPI, and
- ✓ The Tax Identification Number used when registering on the CMS Registration & Attestation System web site (either their SSN or EIN).

If there is a problem with the information submitted for attestation or required documentation, TennCare will attempt to contact the provider to avoid denying an attestation. If additional information is required, the quicker your attestation can be completed.

Attention Group Practices & Clinics: EHR registration and attestation is done on a **per provider** basis. The steps above must be done for **each** provider in your group/clinic. Incentive payments are made on a per provider basis.

Registration & Access Problems

The initial emails sent out beginning Thursday November 3rd seemed to have caused some misunderstanding.

The first email tells you that should click on the link provided in that email. When you reach the web page, click on “Provider Web Registration” in the upper left, below the TennCare logo. The next page will ask for your CMS registration number, your individual NPI, and the Tax ID under which you registered on the CMS Registration & Attestation System web site – this could be your SSN or your EIN.

The “system” will then check to see if we have received your registration from CMS. If so, you will get a page with your demographic information. It is on this page you will create your User ID, password, and to create answers to three security questions. You will then click on “Save,” assuming you do not get an error message.

You will receive a confirmation email stating that your account has been established and your User ID. It is the link in **THIS** email that will allow you to enter the PIPP portal.

You cannot enter the PIPP Portal until you have completed this step and received the confirmation email.

To those of you who have already submitted your attestation information, you will be able to see the status of our review. You do not need to do anything else unless we contact you. You will not be able to change any information nor add any documentation unless and until we contact you.

If you have not registered yet with CMS –

The same process will occur. Once registered, CMS will send your information to TennCare. The PIPP portal will send out the first email for you to create a User Account. Then the second email will be sent allowing you to begin the attestation process. It works best to have all of the information together when you start.

❖ Note – It takes 24 - 48 hours after you register at the CMS Registration & Attestation System web site for TennCare to receive your registration information. You cannot go directly from the CMS web site to the TennCare PIPP portal and start the process.

Information from CMS

The following information is from a CMS EHR Incentive Program News Update dated November 4, 2011. If you have a question about the information presented here, contact CMS. The CMS Help Desk can be reached at 1-888-734-6433.

November 30 is the Last Day for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to Register and Attest for an Incentive Payment for FY 2011

Eligible hospitals and CAHs have 60 days after the end of the fiscal year to submit their attestation for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. The last

day that eligible hospitals and CAHs can register and attest for fiscal year (FY) 2011 is November 30, 2011. For eligible hospitals and CAHs, this means that they must successfully register and then attest to demonstrating meaningful use by this date in order to receive an incentive payment for FY 2011. *Note, in order to attest, you must have begun your 90-day reporting period on or before July 3, 2011. Registration will be open after November 30th for eligible hospitals and CAHs who wish to register for a 2012 payment.*

CMS encourages eligible hospitals and CAHs not to miss the deadline to attest for an incentive payment for FY 2011.

Registration Resources

To help eligible hospitals and CAHs with registration, CMS has created a [Registration User Guide for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs](#). Additionally, eligible hospitals and CAHs can view the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Webinar for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs](#), which walks hospitals through the registration process.

Attestation Resources

CMS has a number of tools available to help eligible hospitals and CAHs prepare for attestation. They can use the CMS [Eligible Hospital and CAH Attestation Worksheet](#) to record their meaningful use measures and then use as a reference when attesting for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program in CMS' web-based [Registration and Attestation System](#). The [Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator](#) and [Attestation User Guide for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs](#) can also help with the attestation process.

Looking Ahead

Take a look at all of the other EHR Incentive Program important dates that are coming up by going to our [CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Milestone Timeline](#), or reviewing the "Important Dates" section of the [EHR Incentive Programs' Overview](#) page.