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Subject: Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

The purpose of this bulletin is to share information with LME-MCOs and their providers about the NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program and make them aware of the upcoming deadline to begin participating.

There are less than three months to begin participating in the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Since 2011, the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has paid more than \$300 million to NC providers for adopting, implementing or upgrading to a certified EHR technology and meaningfully using that technology in their practice.

In addition to earning \$63,750 over six years, the use of certified EHR technology can help a practice achieve measurable improvements in patient health care.

You can apply for the incentive if you:

1. Have a [CMS-certified EHR](#),
2. Are a Medicaid physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or a dentist (some physician assistants also qualify), and,
3. Have at least 30 percent Medicaid-enrolled patients.

Assistance is available through step-by-step attestation guides, an extensive library of answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs), webinars and a dedicated [help desk](#). If you would like free, on-site support meeting Meaningful Use (MU) criteria, or guidance in registering and attesting successfully, contact our technical

assistance partners at the nine regional [NC AHECs](#). You can also send an [email](#) to help get you started and connected to resources that meet your needs.

The deadline to begin participating is **April 30, 2017**, so all eligible Medicaid providers are encouraged to get started today!

NOTE: Program Year 2016 is the last year providers can begin participating in the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Providers who have not attested by the end of Program Year 2016 will not have another opportunity to participate. [NC-MIPS](#) is accepting Program Year 2016 Adopt, Implement, Upgrade (AIU) and Meaningful Use (MU) attestations, so get started today to receive up to \$63,750 in incentive payments.

For more information, visit the [NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program web page](#), or email NCMedicaid.HIT@dhhs.nc.gov.

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