

# 2016: Last Chance to Begin Participation in the South Carolina Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Program Year 2016 is the final year in which Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) can begin to participate in the South Carolina Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. There are many benefits to program participation, including the following:

- ✚ Providers that are eligible to participate may receive up to \$63,750 for full participation in the program. This includes a payment in the first participation year of \$21,250 to adopt, implement or upgrade (AIU) to a Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) system, or to demonstrate meaningful use (MU) of CEHRT.
- ✚ Providers can achieve measurable improvements in patient health care delivery and performance to promote better patient outcomes through the use of CEHRT:
  - Diagnostics and patient safety
  - Practice efficiencies and cost savings, including documentation and coding
  - Care coordination, including electronic exchange of clinical information with other designated providers
  - Patient participation/self-management

## Am I Eligible?

To participate in the South Carolina Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, an EP must be one of the following five types of Medicaid providers: physician (MD, DO or optometrist); dentist; certified nurse-midwife; nurse practitioner; or physician assistant practicing in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) led by a physician assistant. Other criteria must be met, including Medicaid or Needy Individual patient volume thresholds. To see if you are eligible, check the [Medicaid State Information Eligibility requirements](#) and then contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) Division of Health Information Technology (HIT) at [HITSC@scdhhs.gov](mailto:HITSC@scdhhs.gov) if you have any further questions about program eligibility.

## How Do I Get Started?

To register and get started, please visit <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>.

- ✚ Need help with CMS registration? CMS EHR Information Center: (888) 734-6433

## Additional Resources:

- ✚ Need information about the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#)?
- ✚ Need help with an attestation for the S.C. Medicaid EHR Incentive Program?  
[HITSC@scdhhs.gov](mailto:HITSC@scdhhs.gov)
- ✚ S.C. Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website:  
[www.scdhhs.gov/hit](http://www.scdhhs.gov/hit)