Meaningful Use: Switching EHR Incentive Programs

EPs may not receive EHR incentive payments from both the Medicare and Medicaid programs in the same year. In the event an EP qualifies for EHR incentive payments from both the Medicare and Medicaid programs, the EP must elect to receive payments from only one program.

After an EP qualifies for an EHR incentive payment under one program but before 2015, an EP may switch between the Medicare and Medicaid programs one time. Upon switching programs, the EP will be placed in the payment year the EP would have been in had the EP not switched programs. For example, if an EP decides to switch after attesting to meaningful use of certified EHR technology for a Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) incentive payment for the second payment year, then the EP would be in the third payment year for purposes of the Medicaid incentive payments.

If you are switching from Medicaid and your first year you attested to AIU, when you switch to Medicare you will be in your second year of Medicare. Your reporting period will be 90-days.