

## California AIU At-A-Glance for Eligible Providers (EPs)

The **Medicaid** EHR Incentive Program will provide AIU (Adopt, Implement, Upgrade) incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to five remaining participation years.



### What do I need to do?

- Make sure you're eligible for Medicaid (Medi-Cal) incentive payments: Utilize [CMS's Eligibility Wizard](#):
  - CMS Home > Regulations and Guidance > EHR Incentive Program > Eligibility Wizard
- Have needed registration information available
  - National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) username and password
  - EP NPI number
  - EHR certification number (if already have a certified EHR in place)
- Eligible professionals must have an enrollment record in the [Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System \(PECOS\)](#) in order to receive a Medicare EHR incentive payment.
- [Register for State Medicaid](#) (Medi-Cal)
  - If providers are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid program, you can also [register for Medicare](#).
- Purchase ONC-ATCB Certified Technology
- Get Qualified!
  - Adopt certified EHR technology; or
  - Implement certified EHR technology you have already purchased; or
  - Upgrade your current EHR technology to the newly certified version
- Get Paid! [Attest to AIU](#)
- Where Can I Go For More Information and/or Assistance?
  - [CMS EHR Registration Website](#)
  - [State Medicaid Information](#)
  - [CalHIPSO Website](#)
  - [Healthit.gov](#)

### FAQs

**Q:** Is there a penalty if I don't participate in Medicaid MU?

**A:** No. There is no penalty for not participating in Medicaid MU.

**Q:** Do I need to prove 15% of my costs incurred to prove "I" (Implementation)?

**A:** No. This requirement has been waived. Eligible providers and eligible hospitals only have to adopt or upgrade to an ONC-ATCB system to receive AIU payment.

**Q:** If I collect AIU payments and retire prior to achieving meaningful use, will I have to pay back my AIU payment?

**A:** AIU and meaningful use achievement is based on a snapshot at the time of attestation.

**Q:** If I bill and receive payments from Medicare does this mean that I have a PECOS enrollment record?

**A:** Billing and receiving payments from Medicare does not necessarily mean that an eligible professional has an enrollment record in PECOS.

**Q:** Do I need to have implemented certified technology to receive AIU payments?

**A:** No. You just have to have a legal and/or financial commitment to ONC-ATCB certified EHR technology

**Q:** If I am eligible for both programs but chose one over the other, can I switch?

**A:** Providers can switch from the Medicare EHR incentive program to the Medicaid incentive program ONE time. If a provider switches from Medicare to Medicaid after receiving the Year 1 participation payment from Medicare, they are not eligible for AIU payments

**Q:** If I am eligible for Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive payments and choose to participate in the Medicaid Incentive Program, do the Medicare payment adjustments which begin in 2014 apply?

**A:** If a provider is eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid Incentive payments, Eligible Providers are still required to demonstrate Meaningful Use to avoid Medicare payment adjustments in 2014