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Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers with Psychiatric Specialty, Dentists, Dental Groups, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, ~~Optometrists~~, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Information Sessions Offered for Providers, Hospitals, and Staff

This *ForwardHealth Update* provides information regarding the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program and free Webinar information sessions for eligible providers, eligible hospitals, and their staff.

Background

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program was established under the 2009 Federal Stimulus Bill to encourage eligible health care providers and hospitals to adapt and show meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has already paid over $37 million to participating hospitals and providers through the EHR Incentive Programs. Medicare and Medicaid have separate EHR incentive programs and providers may register to participate in either the Medicare or Medicaid EHR incentive programs, but not both.

The Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is scheduled to begin the registration process in the summer of 2011 and will begin making payments to all registered, eligible providers and hospitals within 45 days of successfully completing the program's first-year requirements.
For more information on the EHR Incentive Program, providers should go to the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Web site at *www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehrincentive/*.

Providers should look for future *ForwardHealth Updates* regarding more detailed information for the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Information Sessions for the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

The Department of Health Services will soon be conducting a series of free Webinars for designated Medicaid-certified providers. The first series of information sessions will include the following information:

- An overview of the program.
- Important dates and timelines for participating providers.
- New developments in the EHR Incentive Program.
- A question and answer session for providers to ask questions regarding such topics as eligibility, requirements, and incentive payments.

To register for the first of three Webinars, refer to Attachment 1 of this *Update* for a list of training times for each provider type. Providers should then e-mail *DHSEHRIncentiveProgram@wisconsin.gov* with "EHR Training Registration" and the date and time of the Webinar in the subject line, and an e-mail will be sent with a link for registration for the appropriate Webinar.

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Providers should note that the Webinars are not limited to just health care providers; office administrators and managers are encouraged to register as well. When registering, include the names and e-mail addresses of all attendees.

Resources

There are multiple resources available for providers and staff regarding the different aspects of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Refer to Attachment 2 for a list of available resources.

ATTACHMENT 1
Webinar Information Session Dates and Time by Provider Association

Trainings by Professional Association	Dates and Times
Eligible Professionals (Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers with Psychiatric Specialty, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Dentists, Physician Assistants)	April 26, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	May 3, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Eligible Hospitals (This will be a continuation of information sessions already conducted in January.)	June 21, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	June 27, 2011 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Federally Qualified Health Centers	April 27, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	May 4, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Rural Health Clinics	May 10, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	May 17, 2011 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Dentists	May 11, 2011 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 2
Available Resources Regarding Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

Available Resources	Web Address
Medicaid Electronic Heath Record (EHR) Incentive Program Web sites	*https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/* *www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehrincentive/*
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Regulations and Guidance Web site	*healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/ healthit_hhs_gov_regulations_and_guidance/*
E-mail address to which providers may direct questions regarding the EHR Incentive Program.	*DHSEHRIncentiveProgram@wisconsin.gov*
ListServe Web site: Providers can register their e-mail address to subscribe to e-mail updates on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.	*lists.wi.gov/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=dhs-ehrincentiveprogram/*
Wisconsin Health Information Technology Extension Center Web site	*www.whitec.org/*