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## Informational Notice

**Date:** December 14, 2011

**To:** Participating Advanced Practice Nurses, Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics

**Re:** Attestation Application Now Available – Electronic Health Record Provider Incentive Payment (EHR/PIP) Program

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) is part of the American Re-Investment and Recovery Act of 2009. Section 4210 of this act established an Electronic Health Record (EHR) Provider Incentive Payment (PIP) program, which allows Medicaid to pay an incentive to Eligible Professionals (EPs) that adopt, implement, and meaningfully use certified EHR technology.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) launched the HFS EHR PIP program effective September 5, 2011, which allows providers to register for the incentive payment at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Web site:

[Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System Web site](#)

The attestation application is now available to EPs who have registered at the federal CMS Web site above and have met the pre-requisite HFS criteria. EPs can access this attestation application via the HFS [Medical Electronic Data Interchange \(MEDI\) Web site](#). Initial incentive payments will be made in February 2012.

### Program Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in this program, providers must:

- Verify you have met the Federal Program Requirements  
[Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records \(EHR\) Incentive Programs Web site](#)
- Be enrolled as an HFS provider  
[HFS Provider Enrollment Web site](#)
- Attest to meeting the EHR/PIP requirements via the [HFS MEDI Web site](#)

Additional information is available at the following Web sites:

[Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records \(EHR\) Incentive Programs Web site /](#)  
[HFS Electronic Health Records \(EHR\) Incentive Program Web site](#)

Questions regarding this program can be submitted to: [E-mail HFS EHR Incentive](#)

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