

CMS Announces Changes to the EHR Incentive Programs

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced its effort to advance the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program and introduced the Promoting Interoperability Programs in a proposed rule made public on April 24, 2018.

This CMS-directed national level name change reflects an enhanced focus on supporting interoperability and patient access to health information. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will continue to operate the program as the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a CMS Promoting Interoperability Program.

The proposed rule is published in the Federal Register at [federalregister.gov/d/2018-08705](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-08705). CMS invites public comments on the proposals sent no later than 5 p.m., June 25, 2018.

HHSC will analyze the proposed rule for impacts to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Once a final rule is published, any changes will be further analyzed and communicated to all impacted providers.

CMS will publish updates on the CMS EHR Incentive Program website: www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/2018ProgramRequirementsMedicaid.html.

For HHS Health IT updates, visit: healthit.hhsc.texas.gov.

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