

## EHR Incentive Payment Schedule and Stage Timeline for Eligible Professionals

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for eligible professionals started in 2011, and EHR incentive payments under Medicare will continue through 2016. Depending on the first year of participation, eligible professionals can apply for an incentive for up to 5 continuous years throughout the duration of the program. The last year to begin participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program is 2014. Eligible professionals starting in 2011 were eligible to receive up to \$44,000 through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program and up to \$63,750 through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. There is still time for a first year MU participant to earn substantial incentives in 2013 and 2014. For non-participants the CMS penalty period begins in 2015.

CMS has made an exception for EPs whose first year of meaningful use is 2014. To avoid the penalty in 2015, these providers will need to successfully attest at least three months before the end of the 2014 payment year. For EPs whose first payment year is 2014, this means the 90-consecutive-day reporting period needs to begin no later than July 3, 2014 to avoid the penalty in 2015; for EPs attesting for the first time in 2014, the reporting period will need to begin no later than April 2, 2014. **Note an EP participating for the first time in 2013 for 90 continuous days (e.g. October 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>) is eligible to earn up to \$15,000 in 2013.**

The following chart outlines the requirements needed to avoid a penalty in 2015, 2016 and 2017. (Note that penalties continue in 2018 and all subsequent years)

Table 1: Requirements to Avoid a Penalty

First Year of MU	Requirements to Avoid a Penalty in...		
	2015	2016	2017...
2011	Achieve MU in 2013 (365 days)	Achieve MU in 2014 (One 3-month quarter)	Achieve MU in 2014 (365 days)
2012	Achieve MU in 2013 (365 days)	Achieve MU in 2014 (One 3-month quarter)	Achieve MU in 2014 (365 days)
2013	Achieve MU in 2013 (Any 90-consecutive-day period)	Achieve MU in 2014 (One 3-month quarter)	Achieve MU in 2014 (365 days)
2014	Achieve MU in 2014 (Any 90-consecutive-day period ending no later than 3 months before the end of the reporting period)	--	Achieve MU in 2014 (365 days)

EPs in the process of MU should please continue using the GlaceEMR in the methods recommended as per the current Stage you are attesting. Review your "Quality Measures Reporting" Report in the Glace software to ensure you are passing your objectives. If you have any questions contact our tech support at (877)-728-7070 or drop us an email at [techsupport@glenwoodmicro.net](mailto:techsupport@glenwoodmicro.net)

Table 2: Incentive Payments Based on Year You Entered Meaningful Use

	Year Entered	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	
MU Stage Timeline		Stage 1											Maximum Payment
					Stage 2								
							Stage 3						
Medicare Incentive	CY 2011	\$18,000 Stage 1 90 days	\$12,000 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,000 Stage 1 Full Year	\$4,000 Stage 2 3 months								\$44,000
	CY 2012		\$18,000 Stage 1 90 days	\$12,000 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,000 Stage 2 3 months	\$4,000 Stage 2 Full Year	\$2,000 Stage 3 Full Year						\$44,000
	CY 2013			\$15,000 Stage 1 90 days	\$12,000 Stage 1 3 months	\$8,000 Stage 2 Full Year	\$4,000 Stage 2 Full Year						\$39,000
	CY 2014				\$12,000 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,000 Stage 1 Full Year	\$4,000 Stage 2 Full Year						\$24,000
Medicaid Incentive Payments	CY 2011	\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 3 months	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year						\$63,750
	CY 2012		\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 3 months	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year					\$63,750
	CY 2013			\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 3 months	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year				\$63,750
	CY 2014				\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year			\$63,750
	CY 2015					\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year		\$63,750
	CY 2016						\$21,250 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 1 90 days	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 2 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year	\$8,500 Stage 3 Full Year	\$63,750