

EHR Information Center

Notice and Description of EHR Information
Center Launch

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Description of the EHR Information Center Launch

Beginning January 3, 2011, the EHR Information Center will be open to assist the EHR Provider Community with both program and system inquiries from 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, at 1-888-734-6433 (primary number) or 888-734-6563 (TTY number).

The EHR Information Center began its “soft” opening on December 17, 2010, prior to the EHR Incentive Program system being available to the public on January 3, 2011. During the “soft” opening, December 17th – December 30th, 2010, the EHR Information Center’s hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Central Time).

The launch of the EHR Information Center on December 17th is considered a “soft” opening because it precedes the opening of EHR Incentive Program registration on January 3rd. With the soft opening, the EHR Information Center phone number and “Submit Inquiry to the EHR Information Center” link will be available on the CMS’ EHR Incentive Program website.

As of January 3rd, the EHR Information Center phone numbers will also be advertised on the EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System and given to CMS partners, but will not be promoted by a targeted press or media rollout.

Program inquiries to the EHR Information Center will include topics such as eligibility, attestation, and payment; while system inquiries will include topics such as, registration and state file transmissions. The EHR Information Center will not interpret policy or give provider specific direction/advice. The EHR Information Center has three levels of Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) available to answer and research inquiries.

The Level-1 CSRs are the first point of contact for callers and will handle general program inquiries from approved scripts as well as inquiries regarding system navigation, registration, and the status of an Eligible Professional’s (EP’s) or Eligible Hospital’s (EH’s) registration, attestation, and payment.

Level-2 CSRs will serve as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for Level-1 CSRs and will have the expertise to answer more complex questions involving the near real-time retrieval of EP or EH National Level Repository (NLR) data.

The Level-3 CSR will review and analyze data in the EHR Information Center issue tracking database, handle the most complex system inquiries requiring NLR data research, and monitor the resolution of open system issues to ensure that all inquiries are resolved. The Level-3 CSR will also coordinate activities between the EHR Information Center and other help desks or entities and confirm system issues and problems by coordinating with the HBOSC Production Operations Support Desk (POSD) to establish a Remedy ticket for referral to the Enterprise Data Center (EDC), Baltimore Data Center (BDC), or other maintainers.

The EHR Information Center also offers an Integrated Voice Response (IVR) tree with Spanish language support. As part of the initial greeting the EHR Information Center IVR tree will prompt the caller for their language preference of either English or Spanish. The EHR Information Center will maintain two separate but identical IVR trees for both languages. The IVR will provide the latest on scheduled and unscheduled system outages and include the current program hot topics. Hot topics are EHR Incentive Program Topics assessed and selected monthly by the HITECH Business Operations Support Contractor (HBOSC) and the Office of E-Health Standards and Services (OESS). The EHR Information Center strives to educate inquirers about and direct them to the EHR Incentive Program Website FAQs, tip sheets, and other educational products at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms>.

In addition to receiving inquiries by telephone, the EHR Information Center will also receive electronic inquiries via the RightNow application via the “Submit Inquiry to the EHR Information Center” link available on CMS’ EHR Incentive Program website. The EHR Information Center will not distribute a mailing address since it is not tasked with answering written inquiries received through postal mail.

The EHR Information Center will work in collaboration with other EHR Incentive Program resources and business partners beginning with the December 17th “soft” opening. CMS’ Regional Offices will continue to respond to common inquiries received from providers/stakeholders/contacts. The Regional Offices will refer all system related inquiries to EHR Information Center including system outages, registration, state file transmissions and others. The EHR Information Center will use the Resource/Entity Referral table (Attachment A) as a guide for referring callers to other business partners. You are receiving this notice of the EHR Information Center launch because you may receive referrals as outlined in Attachment A. Likewise, with the “soft opening” of the EHR Information Center, you should begin referring inquiries to the EHR Information Center as outlined in Attachment A.

Attachment A: EHR Information Center Resource/Entity Referrals

Below is a chart listing various EHR Incentive Program business partners and the expected interaction between these resources and the EHR Information Center.

Resource/Entity	Contact Information	Referred from EHR Information Center	Referred to EHR Information Center
Quality Net Help Desk	1-866-288-8912 (Monday – Friday; 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT) TTY: 1-877-715-6222 qnetsupport@sdpd.org	Inquiries related to quality measures not related to the EHR incentive program e.g., general CMS Physician Quality Reporting System and eRx Incentive Program information PQRI-IACS registration questions PQRI-IACS login issues	Inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.
NPPES Enumerator Help Desk	1-800-465-3203 (Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET) TTY: 1-800-692-2326 E-mail: customerservice@npienumerator.com	Specific NPI related issues such as reasons for approval/rejection, status, etc.	Inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.
CMS IT Service Desk	CMS IT Service Desk, 1-800-562-1963 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) Email: CMS_IT_Service_Desk@cms.hhs.gov	Inquiries related to BDC systems not listed in this attachment and not related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.	Inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.
PECOS (EUS) Help Desk	External Users Services (EUS) Help Desk 1-866-484-8049, TTY/TDD at 1-866-523-4759 (Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m. EST) E-mail: EUSsupport@cgi.com www.eushelpdesk.com	General and access inquiries related to the PECOS application BUT not policy related questions. Inquiries related to PECOS Authorized Official (AO) requests, PECOS application issues/bugs, PECOS Security Consent Form (SCF), and general PECOS application navigation issues.	Inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System (i.e. application issues/bugs, incentive program questions).

		<p>Password resets, forgotten user ID/PW requests for - PECOS, NPES, EHR Incentive Program Registration & Attestation applications.</p>	
<p>MACs, FIs and Carriers</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip</p>	<p>Inquiries related to fee-for-service claims processing including banking data and the calculation of hospital payment amounts. Inquiries related to 855 submissions such as status and any specific enrollment questions directly related to a Medicare Contractor or the CMS Medicare policy.</p>	<p>All other inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.</p>
<p>State Medicaid Program and Technical Contacts</p>	<p>See Attachments B and C</p>	<p>Medicaid EHR Incentive Program inquiries related to specific provider data transmitted from state Medicaid agencies.</p>	<p>Inquiries related to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. General inquiries related to eligibility, payment, and meaningful use in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program system. Inquiries requiring research to resolve discrepancies between a Medicaid State Agency and the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program System.</p>
<p>ONC /Regional Extension Centers (RECs)</p>	<p>http://healthit.hhs.gov/programs/REC http://healthit.hhs.gov/CHPL</p>	<p>Callers will be referred to the ONC Website to find the REC in their area. The EHR Information Center will not refer callers to a specific REC. Callers with inquiries regarding Product Certification</p>	<p>All other inquiries related to the EHR Incentive Program and System.</p>

		will be referred to the Certified HIT Product List CHPL page on the ONC website	
CMS Regional Offices	http://www.cms.gov/RegionalOffices/	<p>EHR Information Center will not refer to the CMS Regional Offices (ROs).</p> <p>The RO will report to OIS/BAMG instances when the EHR Information Center is unable to respond to a provider including complaints and trends resolving inquiries.</p>	<p>The RO will refer complex issues/questions to EHR Information Center unless it is determined the provider has already contacted EHR Information Center. In those instances, the RO will contact OIS/BAMG for resolution.</p> <p>The ROs will refer all system related inquiries to EHR Information Center including system outages, registration, state file transmissions and others.</p>

Attachment B: State Medicaid Program Contacts

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