

FIRST PHYSICIAN CLINIC RECEIVES ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS INCENTIVE PAYMENT

Physician Registration Opened January 3rd
Incentive Payment Received by Physician
January 5th

AUSTIN, TX — The Gastorf Family Clinic of Durant, OK, has received the first physician-paid incentive checks in the country under the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#). On January 5th, 2011, just two days after registration opened for the incentive programs, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority issued payments of \$21,250 to two physicians at the Gastorf Family Clinic for their successful adoption and implementation of a certified EHR. The incentive payment is federally-funded under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Gastorf Family Clinic worked closely with their local Regional Extension Center to apply for the incentive program and ensure the appropriate steps were taken in order to receive the Medicaid payments. The clinic was able to demonstrate its long-term success using an ONC-certified EHR to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with support and counseling from the Regional Extension Center. "We are pleased to support the Gastorf Family Clinic on their EHR journey, and we are excited about this milestone event," said Dale Bratzler, chief executive of Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality (OFMQ). "We hope providers everywhere will recognize that dedicated efforts towards meaningful use of EHRs will pay off and the Regional Extension Center program is here to help in the process."



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The Gastorf Family Clinic, a small, family-owned clinic in Oklahoma, implemented its EHR in 2005. The EHR offered their practice the necessary structure to keep the billing and business organized with the flexibility to accommodate the clinic's specific medical needs. "Partnering with our EHR vendor and working with OFMQ, ensured that we could meet all of the requirements of meaningful use," said Darrell Ledbetter, CPM, the Practice Manager of Gastorf Family Clinic. "We are very excited to have received the first payment of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and pleased that both of our physicians were eligible professionals for the incentives, netting our clinic a check for \$42,500.00, the first year's installment in the program. We are very grateful to the EHR vendor staff and the staff of OFMQ for their continued support. We encourage other providers to participate in this worthwhile program."

REC SERVICES UPDATE

NEO HealthConnect has received federal funding to provide assistance to 323 Priority Primary Care Providers. As of January 21, NEO HealthConnect has only **190** openings remaining for REC Services. If you are considering an EHR for your practice and would like to take advantage of our services, please contact NEO HealthConnect at 330-599-4595.

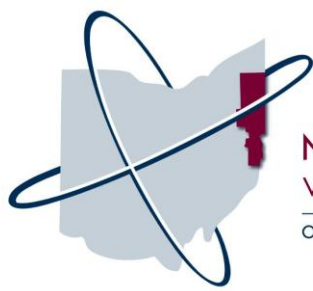
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A goal of NEO HealthConnect is to be a resource for healthcare IT information. One of the ways we do this is through our website. We encourage you to visit www.neohc.org frequently to access updated content and links to additional sources of information. If you have a suggestion for content that you would like to see included on the site, please send it to: info@neohc.org.

Online CMS REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

What can you do now for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs?

Make sure you have enrollment records in the appropriate systems. You'll need:



- **A National Provider Identifier (NPI)** All eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.
- **An enrollment record in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)** All eligible hospitals and Medicare eligible professionals must have an enrollment record in PECOS to participate in the EHR Incentive Programs. If you do not have an enrollment record in PECOS, you should still register for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Online enrollment for PECOS is now available at <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>. Please be aware that that the PECOS enrollment process can take 45 – 60 days. **(Note: Eligible professionals who are only participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program are not required to be enrolled in PECOS.)**
- **CMS Identity and Access Management (I&A) User ID and Password.** Eligible professionals can use the same User ID and Password they use for the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). This is also the same User ID and Password that is used to access PECOS.

If you do not have an active User ID and Password for NPPES or PECOS, request them via [Identity & Access Management](#). You will need your type 2 NPI, your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), and your address from IRS Form CP-575. You will also need to mail a copy of IRS Form CP-575 as directed.

What information will you need when you register?

Registering for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs is easy when you have the following information available during the process:

Eligible Professionals

- National Provider Identifier (NPI).
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) User ID and Password.
- Payee Tax Identification Number (if you are reassigning your benefits).
- Payee National Provider Identifier (NPI) (if you are reassigning your benefits).

What else do I need to know about registration?

- Eligible professionals eligible for both the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs must choose which incentive program they wish to participate in when they register. *Before 2015, an eligible professional may switch programs only once after the first incentive payment is initiated.* Most eligible professionals will maximize their incentive payments by participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Information Center** is open to assist the EHR Provider Community with inquiries. **EHR Information Center Hours of Operation:** 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.
1-888-734-6433 (primary number) or 888-734-6563 (TTY number)

MEDICAID PROVIDERS Please Note: Although the Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs will begin January 3, 2011, not all states will be ready to participate on this date. Information on when registration will be available for Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs in specific States is posted at [Medicaid State Information](#).

REGISTRATION USER GUIDES AVAILABLE

Below are links to the step-by-step guides and an online tutorial that CMS has developed to help you register for EHR Incentive Programs.

- [Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals](#) – Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program.
- [Registration User Guide for Eligible Professionals](#) – Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program.
- [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Webinar for Eligible Professionals](#) - This tutorial video will provide Eligible Professionals with a step-by-step guide to help ensure the registration process is a success.