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PY2021 Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Attestations Due August 1, 2021

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has recently released details regarding Program Year 2021 (PY2021) which is the final year for eligible professionals (EPs) to receive Medicaid Promoting Interoperability (PI) incentive payments:

- The [ForwardHealth Portal](#) opens for PY2021 applications on April 1, 2021. All EP applications must be submitted on or before August 1, 2021.
- EPs must use 2015 Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) and meet [Stage 3 Objectives](#) for any continuous 90-day reporting period between January 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021.
- EPs must also report on [electronic Clinical Quality Measures](#) (eCQMs) for any continuous 90-day period between January 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021. The 90-day electronic health record (EHR) and eCQM reporting periods are not required to be the same.
- The standard deduction for PY2021 is 4.47 percent.
- EPs must complete a Security Risk Assessment (SRA) by December 31, 2021, and must submit their SRA documentation by January 31, 2022. However, if the SRA has been completed by the date of attestation, documentation is required to be submitted with the application.

Additional details available in [ForwardHealth Update 2020-33](#) and [ForwardHealth Update 2020-43](#).

Important Change for PY2021 Public Health Reporting: Syndromic Surveillance

In previous program years, many EPs were able to claim an exclusion for Syndromic Surveillance Reporting. However, The Wisconsin Division of Public Health recently announced that starting January

1, 2021 data is being accepted from select Eligible Professionals including physicians, dentists and nurse practitioners. See the [Eligible Professional Attestation Guidance for Stage 3 Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting Objective, \(P-01850-21\)](#) to determine if syndromic surveillance data is being collected from your provider type and specialty.

This means if an EP is an eligible provider type, the EP must be actively engaged in the Wisconsin Syndromic Surveillance Registry to satisfy the Medicaid PI [Objective 8: Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting](#), Measure 2, for PY2021. In order to attest to active engagement, an EP must at minimum be able to show that registration was completed within **60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period**. Information on registration and technical specifications can be found at [Public Health Meaningful Use: Syndromic Surveillance | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

Medicaid Telehealth Expansion Tools and Stakeholder Engagement

As the use of telehealth continues to [expand](#), DHS and ForwardHealth have developed a communications toolkit for providers and practices. This information can be shared with members, stakeholders, partners, and other providers. Telehealth communication resources that are currently available include the following:

- [Provider FAQs](#)
- [Member FAQs](#)
- [Member Brochure](#). To request free, printed copies, complete a [Forms/Publications Order form, F-80025A](#), and email it as an attachment to [DHS Form Order](#).

The next Stakeholder Engagement Workgroup meeting is on March 8 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. DHS values feedback from community partners and other external stakeholders as future telehealth policy is considered. More information, along with past minutes and presentations, are available [online](#).

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