

Medi-Cal Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

Tips for Dental Providers

General Program and Participation Requirements

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a licensed dentist in the State of California.
- Have 30% or more patient volume attributable to Medi-Cal patients in a 90-day period in the preceding calendar year.
- Participation in the Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program prior to 2017.
- Program year participation does not need to be in consecutive years.

Meaningful Use

- A dentist can receive \$8,500 per year by demonstrating meaningful use.
- To date, only 9% of dentists in the program have taken advantage of available meaningful use funds.
- It's not as hard as you think! Dentists can utilize many tips and work-arounds, including using exclusions, to attain meaningful use.

MU Objective (Stage 2)	Tips
Protect Patient Health Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for providers based on HIPAA requirements for the protection of electronic person health information (ePHI). • This can be done by internal staff or by a vendor.
Clinical Decision Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion available for drug-drug and drug-allergy interactions if an EP writes fewer than 100 medication orders.
Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) for Medication, Lab, and Radiology Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual exclusions available if EP writes fewer than 100 medication, lab, or radiology orders during the EHR reporting period.
Electronic Prescribing (eRX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion available for a dentist who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period.
Health Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion for less than 100 transitions of care during the EHR reporting period. • Applicable when patients are referred for additional dental services.
Patient-Specific Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion available for a dentist who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period.
Medication Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion available for a dentist who was not the recipient of any transitions of care during the EHR reporting period.
Patient Electronic Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages the use of a patient portal to view, download, or transmit health information. Only 5% or greater of patients need to access information. • Exclusion may apply for dentists in counties with low broadband access.
Secure Electronic Messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages use of secure messaging to improve communication between the patient and the office. Only 5% or greater of patients need to receive messaging. • Exclusion available for dentists in counties with low broadband access.
Public Health Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusions available if a dentist does not give immunizations, practice in county with syndromic surveillance or participates in a specialized registry. This may include most dentists.

- The link to the CMS Fact Sheet has been included for each MU Objective listed above.
- Program information is available on the State Level Registry at: <http://medi-cal.ehr.ca.gov/>
- Additional Stage 2 details are available at: https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/2015_EHR2015_2017.pdf

