

Program Year 2018 Is Open

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has opened the application system for Program Year 2018. All providers will have a 90-day meaningful use reporting period and those attesting to meaningful use for the first time will report Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) for a 90-day period as well. Providers who have previously attested to Meaningful Use will be required to report CQMs for the full year.

Since the program inception in 2011, close to 17,500 payments have been made to eligible professionals and hospitals. This number represents 9,078 unique eligible professionals and 182 eligible hospitals. Florida's return rate for the program is averaging 60% indicating continued interest and participation in the program. On a national basis, 411,195 payments have been made to 208,641 providers participating in their state's incentive program. Florida also has 287 providers who have completed all six years of the program.

As providers begin planning for meeting meaningful use in 2019, emphasis will be on coordination of care and patient engagement. The aim of the Stage 3 measures is to simplify the program, drive interoperability between electronic health records and improved patient outcomes. Final specification sheets are being developed and will be available via the federal website in the near future.

Applications for Program Year 2018 will be accepted through April 1, 2019. Providers are encouraged to visit our website for additional information and resources. www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaidehr