



National Level Repository (NLR) Sign-Up

CMS is now reporting on its web site that the NLR will be open January 3, 2011 for Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals to register in the EHR Incentive Program. This link: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp will take you to the Registration & Attestation page that will have a link to the Registration.

This link: http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp is to CMS' Overview page that will lead you through all of the information available on the EHR Incentive Program up to this point by CMS.

Prior to forwarding registration information to TennCare, CMS will verify the information you submit as well as check the Social Security Master Death List and determine if there are any sanctions that would prevent you from participation in the EHR program. Once this has been completed, CMS will forward your information to TennCare. We have not been informed how long this will be after you have registered on the NLR.

There will be a link on the NLR site that will allow you to check on the status of your registration.

What TennCare Will Do

Following receipt of your registration information, TennCare will do its own verification of that information. TennCare is also required by CMS to verify your state medical license number, that you have a Tennessee Medicaid provider number, that you are alive, and that there are not any sanctions imposed against you that prohibit your participation in TennCare/Medicaid. Following this review, we have 24-48 hours to complete our review, we will inform the NLR of the outcome.

If you are a provider from another state wishing to participate in the TennCare/Medicaid EHR Incentive program, we will verify with your home state the same information (i.e., state medical license, sanctions, alive). **HOWEVER**, you **MUST** have a Tennessee Medicaid provider number to participate in Tennessee's program.

We will also send you a letter to you indicating whether you passed or if there is a problem. Your acceptance letter will indicate the next step to registering for the TennCare/Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. If there is a problem with your registration, we will inform you of the problem. We will also tell you what needs to be done to correct it. Some problems can only be corrected by going back to the NLR. Other problems may be handled by TennCare.

Communications

TennCare will primarily communicate with providers through e-mail. When you register through the NLR, there will be a place for you to enter your email address. That information will be passed along to TennCare. If we do not receive your email address, your acceptance letter will ask you to return to the NLR and enter it. This is one of those changes that can only be made through the NLR. Please be sure to enter your email address when registering.