



# Current State of Medicare/Medicaid EHR Incentive in Puerto Rico

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# Background

- Section 1848(o)(5)(C) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for incentive payments, defines EP/EH, together with the HITECH
  - "Subsection (d) hospitals" in the 50 states or DC that are paid under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)
    - Puerto Rico Hospitals were eligible for Medicaid ONLY

# Background

- Beginning in 2011, the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs were established to encourage EP and EH to adopt, implement, upgrade (AIU), and demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.
- Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) is the principal federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information. The position of National Coordinator was created in 2004, through an Executive Order, and legislatively mandated in the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) of 2009.

# Barriers to Adoption & Meaningful Use

- Lack of capital
- Uncertainty of ROI
- Finding a system that meets your needs
- Capacity to implement
- Loss of productivity
- Hospitals were not included in the Medicare Incentive Program in Puerto Rico
- Medicaid program started in 2012

# Eligibility of Medicare Hospitals in P.R.

- Section 602 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 included Hospitals in Puerto Rico to participate and attest to Medicare MU for PY 2016.
- March 13, 2017 due date for attestation for PY 2016.

# EHR MU Data for P.R.

MEDICARE		MEDICAID		TOTAL	
Paid	Amount	Paid	Amount	Paid	Amount
1,027	\$15,926,377.53	4,223	\$144,540,315.00	5,250	\$160,466,692.53

Program	EHs Count
Medicaid	52
Medicare	1
Duals	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>61*</b>

\* As of April 2017

# EHR MU Data for P.R.

Hospital	Location
Bella Vista Hospital	Mayaguez
Hospital Episcopal San Lucas	Guayama
Menonite General Hospital	Aibonito
Saint Lukes Memorial Hospital	Ponce
Menonite Hospital	Caguas
Menonite Hospital	Cayey
Hospital Oriente	Humacao
Hospital San Carlos	Moca
Professional Hospital	Guaynabo

# Questions

