

## Meaningful Use Certified EHRs.....What's the advantage?

Dollars may still be available to you through CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs for meeting meaningful use. Quality Alliance members are encouraged to commit to installation of a certified EHR technology in 2012 to be favorably positioned for success in patient care needs. QA members will receive credit for choosing and using a certified EHR.

For the purposes of the Medicare and Medicaid Incentive Programs, eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must use - certified EHR technology. Certified EHR technology gives assurance to purchasers and other users that an EHR system or module offers the necessary technological capability, functionality, and security to help them meet the meaningful use criteria. Certification also helps providers and patients be confident that the electronic health IT products and systems they use are secure, can maintain data confidentially, and can work with other systems to share information. To ensure the EHR system you may choose is a certified EHR technology, click here

<http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>

CMS Medicare and Medicaid timeline

<https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EHRIncentProgTimeline508V1.pdf>