**MEDICAID PROVIDER PROGRAM**

**Why participate?**

The benefit to providers is the incentive money and improvements in patient care. At this time it is not mandatory and is not a compliance issue, however by improving their workflows and participating, providers will have improved communication with both patients and other members of patient care teams. With interoperability and new data-sharing requirements, a patient’s ePHI will follow the patient wherever and whenever they go for medical care. This will greatly improve Transitions of Care.

**Who is eligible?**

Any Medicaid provider who has commenced to participate in Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program is eligible to participate.

Calendar Year 2016 was the deadline for EPs to begin participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program by registering with CMS and attesting through NJMMIS. Only eligible providers who began participation in CY 2016 or prior are eligible for remaining MU incentives through CY 2021.

A provider must see > 30% Medicaid patient volume ( > 20% for Pediatricians) in a calendar year to continue participation. Provider groups may opt to use the group volume for the Medicaid eligibility. The provider must be using a 2015 ONC Certified version of their EHR and a minimum of 80% of their unique patients must have data in the EHR.

**What can NJII do for participants?**

NJII will assist the provider/practice by educating and assisting the providers in meeting the thresholds of the measures which are necessary to attest. This includes but is not limited to explaining the best practices and tips for the measures, collecting documentation and screenshots, and providing assistance through the attestation and audit preparation. We also assist with the registration of providers new to the practice and eligible to attest.

**Timeline:**

The deadline for joining was during or prior to 2016. If the provider did not begin the program during or prior to 2016 it is too late to start. NJII can verify a Provider's Participation status.

**Fees:**

There are no costs to participate.

Those interested in joining should contact njhin@njii.com or complete our online form.