

CMS Changes Name of the EHR Incentive Programs and Advancing Care Information to “Promoting Interoperability”

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To continue promoting and prioritizing interoperability of health care data, CMS is renovating and streamlining the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs for hospitals as well as for the Advancing Care Information performance category of the **Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)**, which is one aspect of the Quality Payment Program. This transformation will move the programs beyond the existing requirements of meaningful use to a new phase of EHR measurement with an increased emphasis on interoperability and cultivating patient access to health information.

To actively promote these efforts, effective immediately CMS is renaming:

- ⇒ The EHR Incentive Programs to the **Promoting Interoperability (PI) Programs** for eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and Medicaid providers
- ⇒ The MIPS Advancing Care Information performance category to **the Promoting Interoperability performance category** for MIPS eligible clinicians

Please note that this rebranding does not merge or combine the EHR Incentive Programs and MIPS. In the coming weeks, CMS will be updating its websites and educational resources to reflect this change.