



## UPDATE Health Law Pulse

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### CMS Extends Attestation Deadline for Medicare EHR Incentive Program

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced on February 7, 2014, that it has extended the deadline from February 28, 2014, to March 31, 2014, for eligible professionals to attest to meaningful use under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for the 2013 reporting year. Eligible professionals may consult CMS [resources](#) for assistance or contact the EHR Information Center at 1-888-734-6433.

In addition, CMS offers assistance to eligible hospitals participating in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program that have had difficulty attesting for the 2013 program year. Such eligible hospitals may submit their attestation retroactively and, as a result, may be able to avoid any payment adjustments. Eligible hospitals seeking such assistance are required to e-mail CMS at [EH2013Extension@Provider-Resources.com](mailto:EH2013Extension@Provider-Resources.com) by March 15, 2014, and include the following information: (1) the hospital's CMS Certification Number, (2) the hospital's name, and (3) a contact person's name, e-mail, and phone number. Per CMS, the subject line of the e-mail must read "EH 2013 EXTENSION."

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If you have questions about the attestation process for eligible professionals or eligible hospitals under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, please contact a member of [Robinson & Cole's Health Law Practice Group](#):

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