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Important Updates to Recruitment and Retention Fund Guidelines and Application

The Recruitment and Retention Workgroup has updated the funding application and guidelines to allow for pre-approval of funds for organizations if an employee has not yet been hired, particularly related to key positions in the PPS. This change was decided upon to assist organizations, particularly smaller ones, in their ability to offer recruitment incentives with a commitment that funding is available (at an approved amount) once the person has been hired.

The ability for pre-approval has been added to the guidelines, sharing that funds may be approved for organizations before an actual hire has been made and then paid out once the candidate has been hired.

The application has two new questions to assist in capturing information for the workgroup to consider when reviewing pre-approval requests.

In addition, eligible employee start dates have been updated – dates of hire must be between April 1, 2106 and March 31, 2017.

Visit [Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds](#) for workforce funding guidelines and applications.

CMS EHR Incentive Programs Webinars Posted

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted on its website recordings from two electronic health record (HER) webinars presented last month.

[2016 EHR Incentive Programs Requirements for Eligible Professionals](#) includes information about the requirements for eligible professionals (EPs) to participate successfully in the EHR Incentive Programs in 2016 based on the criteria outlined in the October 2015 final rule.

[2016 EHR Incentive Programs Requirements for Eligible Hospitals/CAHs](#) includes information about the requirements for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) to participate successfully in the EHR Incentive Programs in 2016 based on the criteria outlined in the October 2015 final rule.

Coming Soon: NCQA's Introduction to Quality Improvement for Medical Practices

NCQA will be hosting a web-based, on-demand training course highlighting essential competencies for staff preparation of quality improvement (QI) activities at the practice level. This introductory course is a self-paced, two-part online series, including Part 1: QI Fundamentals and Part 2: QI Structure and Planning.

Visit [Introduction to Quality Improvement for Medical Practices](#) for more information.

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