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## CMS, others band together for MU event

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Meaningful use (MU) is a complex beast, shifting its form from practice to practice, stage to stage. As such, Stage 2 requirements demand that providers be attentive and prepared on the grounds of fiscal/organizational compliance, technological compatibility, exchange functions and overall quality ambition — a tall order, but one well within reach.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management (PAHCOM) — among others organizations — have banded together through the Meaningful Use Education program, presented by HIMSS, to make navigating requirements a little less difficult for providers. Helmed by subject matter experts and providers who have already achieved MU status, the event will offer practices, especially those slow to start on the path, guidance that could aid in the prevention of penalties and, therein, serve to protect bottom lines the nation over.

### [See also: [Meaningful use Q&A with AAFP's Steven Waldren, MD](#)]

Incentives to be covered during the Nov. 13 installment of the program — to be held in Philadelphia — include:

- Meaningful use program objectives and measures;
- Recent changes in meaningful use Stage 1;
- Requirements for patient engagement, new quality measure, health information exchange, standards, electronic health record (EHR) usability and pending financial adjustments; and
- Financial impacts of achieving program incentives.

"This program provides eligible providers with an understanding of how the adoption and use of electronic health records (EHRs) can meaningfully transform their practices resulting in improved care for their patients," session moderator Mary P. Griskewicz, senior director of Health Information Systems, HIMSS, said of the benefits physicians stand to gain from attending. "The speakers will provide firsthand knowledge on how the MU criteria and measures have been achieved in MU Stage 1 and used to build and meet MU Stage 2 objectives and requirements utilizing people, process and technology to obtain the EHR incentive for your practice."

Donald Levick, MD, CMIO at Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Thomas Robinson, health insurance specialist at the Division of Financial Management & Fee-For-Service Operations at CMS, are the event's featured speakers. Levick's expertise situates within the realms of planning and implementing CPOE, meaningful use, ambulatory EHR and the Enterprise Data Strategy/Governance; among other accomplishments, he co-authored the 2012 HIMSS book *Improving Outcomes with Clinical Decision Support: An Implementer's Guide, Second Edition*. Robinson has attended an excess of 400 congressional, provider and beneficiary inquiries regarding Medicare Part A and Part B claims, premiums, coverage, entitlements and the CMS EHR Incentive Programs; he is also his region's HITECH back-up point of

contact and Region III's Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP)/accountable care organization (ACO) outreach coordinator.

[See also: [MU Stage 2 raises the bar for EHR interoperability](#)]

Find more information about the event and register [here](#).  
([http://www.himss.org/MUEvents/mu\\_philadelphia\\_event.aspx](http://www.himss.org/MUEvents/mu_philadelphia_event.aspx))

[See also: [Get the facts about Stage 2 final rule for meaningful use](#) ]

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