



New Mexico Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program CHIP Exclusion Instructions for Eligible Professionals – Pediatricians Only

In order to receive Medicaid electronic health records incentive payment, eligible professionals (EPs) must meet the Medicaid patient volume requirements. Only pediatricians can meet their patient volume threshold with a minimum of twenty percent of their patient volume from Medicaid encounters. However, the resulting payment is reduced to two-thirds of the total incentive. Pediatricians can receive the full payment with at least thirty percent of their patient volume from Medicaid encounters.

The CMS Final Rule on Electronic Health Records Incentive Program states that only Medicaid patient encounters can be counted in the Medicaid patient volume calculation requirement; patients covered under the state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) must be excluded. The only exception is for Medicaid EPs practicing predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or a Rural Health Clinic who may include CHIP when calculating “Needy Individuals” patient volume.

If an EP (pediatrician) does not know which Medicaid encounters are attributed to CHIP recipients or is unable to provide an auditable source of his or her CHIP encounters, then the EP must apply a standard deduction for CHIP recipients from the EP’s Medicaid patient volume based on the CHIP encounters for the county from which the EP is attesting. The EP achieves the reduction by multiplying the EP’s total Medicaid encounters by the state-determined exclusion factor for the EP’s county. For example, if Medicaid encounters are 50% of a provider’s practice in Los Alamos County, then the EP would multiply 50% by the exclusion factor listed for Los Alamos County on the chart below. Thus, the formula would be $50 \times .9843 = 49.215\%$, which would be the total allowable Medicaid patient volume to be reported as a result of the CHIP exclusion.

The table below lists the CHIP exclusion factors by county that are to be used in calculating the Medicaid patient volume reduction for CHIP. Your county is determined by the location of the practice from which you are attesting. If you do not have an auditable source of your practice’s CHIP recipients, then reduce your Medicaid patient volume percentage by using the exclusion factor listed for your county and following the example above.

County Name	CHIP Exclusion Factor	County Name	CHIP Exclusion Factor	County Name	CHIP Exclusion Factor
Bernalillo	0.9892	Harding	1.0000	Roosevelt	0.9825
Catron	0.9920	Hidalgo	0.9922	Sandoval	0.9838
Chaves	0.9909	Lea	0.9890	San Juan	0.9857
Cibola	0.9919	Lincoln	0.9850	San Miguel	0.9920
Colfax	0.9923	Los Alamos	0.9843	Santa Fe	0.9914
Curry	0.9916	Luna	0.9894	Sierra	0.9890
De Baca	0.9933	McKinley	0.9941	Socorro	0.9938
Dona Ana	0.9907	Mora	0.9682	Taos	0.9913
Eddy	0.9899	Otero	0.9909	Torrance	0.9894
Grant	0.9928	Quay	0.9942	Union	0.9905
Guadalupe	0.9944	Rio Arriba	0.9929	Valencia	0.9963